

Landscape Design Questionnaire

This questionnaire will help you understand your current landscape, determine your needs, think about your "like to haves" and "must haves", and recognize issues that may need to be resolved.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Would you like to focus on your front or back yard? _____ Front yard _____ Back yard

How many members are in your family? _____ Adults _____ Children

Do you have pets? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, what kind and how many? _____

Who will install the landscape? _____ Owner _____ Contractor _____ Both

Who will maintain the landscape _____ Owner _____ Contractor _____ Both

What level of maintenance do you want to perform? _____ Minimum _____ Moderate _____ High

What style of landscape do you prefer?

_____ Formal _____ Informal _____ Straight lines

_____ Curves _____ Circles _____ Don't know

SOIL PROPERTIES/DRAINAGE

What type of soil do you have? _____ Clay _____ Sand _____ Loam _____ Don't know

Is there a slope? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have drainage issues on your property? _____ Yes _____ No

IRRIGATION

Do you have or plan to use an irrigation controller/timer? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to convert any overhead spray systems to a drip irrigation system? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to replace existing sprinkler heads with high-efficiency rotator heads? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to use low-volume, drip irrigation for plants? _____ Yes _____ No

Will additional irrigation be required to support your plant material? _____ Yes _____ No

WALKWAYS/PATHS

Would you like to incorporate a new walkway or path? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you interested in using pervious materials to reduce runoff? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what type of material would you like to use? _____ Concrete _____ Pavers _____ Mulch

Do existing walkways/paths provide proper access to your property? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you want existing walkways/paths moved? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you interested in reusing / repurposing existing materials? _____ Yes _____ No

PLANTS, GARDENS AND LAWN

Would you like to replace or reduce lawn areas with water-efficient plants? ____ Yes ____ No

Would you like to incorporate more low water-use plants into your yard or garden? ____ Yes ____ No

Will existing plants and shrubs be incorporated into a new design? ____ Yes ____ No

Will trees or plantings need to be removed? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you want to strategically place trees to maximize shade and reduce energy use? ____ Yes ____ No

Are there specific plants you would like to include? _____

Are there any plants you dislike? _____

Does anyone in your family have allergies to specific plants? _____

What types of plants would you like to incorporate into your landscape?

- ____ Low-water use ____ California natives ____ Perennials
- ____ Ornamental grasses ____ Edibles ____ UC Arboretum All-Stars
- ____ Habitat plants ____ Attract beneficial insects

What colors do you like? ____ Bold, bright ____ Soft, pastel

FEATURES, STRUCTURES, ETC.

Do you want or have any of the following structures and/or features?

	WANT	HAVE
Arbor (lattice attached to the house or freestanding)	_____	_____
Trellis (a lattice screen)	_____	_____
Containers/decorative pots	_____	_____
Rocks/boulders	_____	_____
Sculpture (gazing ball, sun dial, or statues)	_____	_____
Active play equipment (swing set or trampoline)	_____	_____
Passive play equipment (sand box, etc.)	_____	_____
Areas for vegetable, herbs, or fruit trees	_____	_____
Rain collection bin and distribution system	_____	_____
Rain Garden	_____	_____
Compost bin	_____	_____
Recycling area	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____