

Garden Design Survey



Survey Your Site

It helps to start by identifying what you have, and then building a design around that. Take a few minutes to think about the possibilities and limitations of your site.

1. What is your general exposure?

- Full sun Partial shade Full shade

2. What type of soil do you have?

- Clay Sand Loam

3. Is there a slope?

- Gentle Steep Flat

4. How does water flow? (For example, are there seasonal wet spots or surface water.)

5. How does the soil drain? Will the existing soil need to be amended with compost to improve drainage?

6. Are there areas to avoid? (For example, underground cables, water and sewer pipes, or contaminated soil.)

7. Are wind breaks needed?

8. Is there existing landscaping?

9. Are there plants and other features that you would like to retain from the existing landscape?

10. Where are water spigots? Is there an existing irrigation system?

11. What kind of garden do you have? (Check all that apply.)

- Flower Vegetable Edible
 Herb Fruit Rock
 Woodland Large tree Collector's plant
 Wildlife Butterfly Hummingbird Insect-attracting
 Drought-tolerant Native plant Permaculture Low-maintenance
 Other

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A Garden for Your Lifestyle

Function is an important design element that precedes and determines plant selection. So before heading out to the nursery, consider the many functions of your garden.

1. What do you want to do in your garden?

- Create a children's play area.
- Entertain and enjoy meals.
- Grow food.
- Attract wildlife.
- Construct a privacy screen.
- Create a welcoming entrance.
- Add color.
- Add interest to front of house.
- Make a utility area.
- Feature garden art.
- Create a quiet sitting area.
- Include room for pets.
- Other
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2. What kind of outdoor structures and features do you want to include?

- Benches
- Barbeque
- Children's play structure
- Birdbath
- Fountain
- Pond
- Outdoor furniture
- Greenhouse
- Potting bench
- Deck
- Patio
- Storage shed
- Fence
- Trellis
- Gazebo
- Garden art
- Outdoor lighting
- Other

3. What kind of garden do you want?

- Flower
- Vegetable
- Edible
- Herb
- Fruit
- Rock
- Woodland
- Large tree
- Collector's plant
- Wildlife
- Butterfly
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4. How much time do you currently spend gardening (per month)?

5. How much time do you want to spend gardening?

