



GARDEN & LANDSCAPE QUESTIONNAIRE

GREAT THINGS START HERE



This handy Q&A form is the first step to creating your amazing new garden space. By telling us all the important ins and outs you'll help us see the whole picture, so you get the garden of your dreams, and it all really works.

Even if we've already had a really good chat this will capture all the nitty-gritties and provide strategic focus. We'll get to learn about how you live and what makes you tick. We'll also build a practical understanding of existing conditions, challenges and anything vital to planning—from establishing which plants will thrive where, despite that raging frost you might have, to working around issues with underground utilities (or curious onlookers), or sorting storage for the lawnmower, bins etc.

Include details of your family's needs, and any immediate and long-term plans. For instance, let us know if you're tearing down your garage next year or if you're splashing out on an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Knowing there's a boisterous new bundle of fluff on its way would mean we could plan for puppy-proof planting and fences. And, of course, telling us about your frantic lifestyle might lead to a recommendation for a sun-kissed corner escape that could be just what the doctor ordered. Whatever it might be, every detail you provide is a nugget of gold.

Please use the back of this form if you need more space to write or to sketch a diagram, eg for the location of a septic tank.

Thank you for your time and your trust. We're looking forward to working together and bringing your special new outdoor space to life.

Kim & the team

Date:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel/mobile:

1 Your Family

- How many adults will your new garden serve?

- How many children will your new garden serve? (Please indicate number and ages):

- Pets and animals (Please indicate type plus any future plans for, eg, puppies, chickens, grazing rabbits etc):

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Existing conditions

- What do you like most about your current garden?

- What do you like least?

- What single most important thing would you change?

- Describe your indoor/outdoor flow:

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Practical considerations

- What is your water source? (eg city supply or private well):

- Do any water restrictions apply?

- Please provide details of current landscaping elements that are to remain (trees, plants, paving, fencing, irrigation, etc.):

- Please provide details of any home remodeling changes you may be considering, including plans for any major items eg. garage replacement, swimming pool or tennis courts:

- Please provide details of any neighbours' planned changes that might affect you:

- Approximately how long do you intend to continue living at your current home?

- How often do you currently use your garden? (eg daily, once a week):

- How often do you intend to use your garden once it is redesigned?

- Please outline any issues you may have with regards to the following:

- Noise:

- Privacy:

- Security:

- Water:

- Erosion or drainage:

- Personal/neighbours' allergies:

- Wind, frost, excessive shade or sun:

- Soil conditions (eg rocky, sandy, clay, disease):

• If you have had any areas of soil tested at any time please indicate which areas and provide details:

• Please indicate underground utilities and any issues (eg septic tank, drainage, internet cable, internet fibre):

• Describe your lifestyle. Are you time-rich or time-poor?

(If you need more space please turn to the back of this page. And get a cup of tea.)

• Do you have a critical completion date? (eg the infamous summer wedding)

If so, please state date and occasion.

4**Functional elements**

- What social/entertainment activities would you like your garden to accommodate?

No. of people during daytime: _____ Frequency: _____

No. of people during evening: _____ Frequency: _____

Please provide details of existing outdoor furniture and whether you intend to replace it:

- What recreational activities would you like your garden to accommodate?
(eg to include play areas for children, petanque, football, tennis, swimming pool):

- Other activities (eg gardening for relaxation, reading, al fresco 'office', meditation):

- Describe your vehicular or pedestrian access requirements (eg driveway, walking paths, wheelchair access etc):

• What other elements would you like to incorporate? Please indicate.

- Speciality gardens and garden rooms

(eg vegetables, herb patch, fruit orchard, rose or cutting garden, woodland garden):

- Patio, deck, pathways, or paved areas (Please indicate paving preferences):

- How many lawns, and for what purpose? (eg a general decorative lawn plus a recreational lawn):

- Structures (eg pergola, arbour, gazebo, fencing, sculpture):

- Lighting (powered or solar?):

- Water features (eg pond, fountain):

- Outdoor kitchen, barbeque, pizza oven, fire pit:

- Utility areas

(eg extra parking, rubbish bins, firewood, tool shed, potting shed, pet run, greenhouse, composting):

How would you like your new garden to look? Please tick one or more of the following themes:

- English country**
Colourful, mixed borders, perennials, informal layout with winding rustic paths
- Asian**
A mixture of water, rock, negative effect walls. Plantings of small pines, maples, flowering plums and bamboo, etc
- Formal**
Symmetrical, clipped hedges, lawns, pergolas, paths, fountains
- Contemporary**
Architectural foliage, strong colour contrasts, mass plantings
- Mexican**
Mainly Californian native plants, eg agaves, cordylines, bougainvillea, gravel or terracotta tile paths, grasses etc
- Mediterranean**
Drought tolerant plantings, grasses, lavender, rock roses, olive trees, rosemary, flagstone/limestone/gravel or decomposed granite paving, stone or stucco walls or rooms that contain two or more of these genres
- Other**
Please describe:

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Design Mood

How would you like your garden to feel? Please tick any that apply:

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| <input type="radio"/> Private | <input type="radio"/> Serene/Calming | <input type="radio"/> Relaxing |
| <input type="radio"/> Casual/Informal | <input type="radio"/> Fragrant | <input type="radio"/> Verdant/Lush |
| <input type="radio"/> Formal | <input type="radio"/> Symmetrical | <input type="radio"/> Bold |
| <input type="radio"/> Fun/Whimsical | <input type="radio"/> Spiritual | <input type="radio"/> Tropical |
| <input type="radio"/> Woodland | <input type="radio"/> Asian/Oriental | <input type="radio"/> Rustic |
| <input type="radio"/> Comfortable | <input type="radio"/> Open/Expansive | <input type="radio"/> Sheltered |
| <input type="radio"/> Exotic | <input type="radio"/> Flowing/Grasses | <input type="radio"/> Practical |
| <input type="radio"/> Cool | <input type="radio"/> Warm | <input type="radio"/> Natural/Wild |

• Plant preferences: Please list any plants that you definitely want in your new garden:

• Which plants would rather not have in your garden?

- What flower colours are you fond of, and which do you particularly dislike?

- Do you have a preference for coniferous trees or evergreens?

- Desired planting effect. Please tick one:

Instant gratification

I want large shrubs and trees for immediate effect and don't mind spending the extra money

Delayed gratification

I like to watch them grow and change and want to watch my budget



7**Garden installation and maintenance**

• How do you intend to install your new garden? Please tick one:

- Yourself, over time (DIY)
- Professional landscaper

• How will your garden be maintained? Please tick one:

- By homeowner
- By professional. For how many hours per week? _____

8**Budget**

Knowing the budget figure you have in mind will help us shape the way ahead. It will influence our recommendations and determine whether it's possible to transform your garden all at once or if it should be phased in over time; whether to engage professional services for the actual installation and/or maintenance of your new garden; and it will determine the selection of eg, paving materials and the size of the plant material specified in the final plans.

Please tick the budget figure closest to the amount you would like to spend:

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| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$5000 | <input type="radio"/> \$5000-\$10,000 | <input type="radio"/> \$10,000-\$20,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$20,000-\$50,000 | <input type="radio"/> \$50,000-\$100,000 | <input type="radio"/> Whatever it takes |

Thank you

Your input is invaluable.

If you have any thoughts, concerns or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.
Call Kim on 03 339 4971 or 027 733 8543