

Foundation Consultation Questionnaire

The foundation consultation is intended to increase your knowledge about your garden or 'outdoor space' and enable you to make intelligent decisions on what the best next steps are to achieve what you want. This will cover garden maintenance questions as well as generating ideas for improving or creating new areas.

This questionnaire is designed to help you think through the different elements of your outside space and how they link together.

Answering as many questions as you can will allow for preparation in advance and aid in the effectiveness of our meeting.

If you don't know the answer – don't worry as we will discuss these in our meeting.

Note that I use 'outdoor space' and garden interchangeably (they mean the same thing) . I think of the garden or 'outdoor space' as a whole like rooms in a house.

Client contact information

Date

Name

Address

Email Telephone

General Information

Briefly describe the service that you are looking for :

How big is your outdoor space or the specific area that you are wanting to work on ?
Briefly describe or attach photo if possible

Is this your primary home ? If this is a second home, what times of year are you there ?

Vision and goals

Do you have a vision for what you would like to change or create ? If so, describe :

Describe how you currently feel in your outside space ? What words are best used to describe this? *Rather than specific concerns, this is the overall ambience or emotion such as : 'I feel calm, happy, or exposed, etc.'*

Describe how you would like to feel in your outdoor space.

Use of your outdoor space

How much time do you spend in your garden?

What time of day do you most use your garden ?

What is the composition of your family ?

Do you often have visitors or like to entertain ?

Think about who might be using your outdoor space and what some of the activities might be.

Do you have any animals or envision to have animals in the future ?

Do you have favorite areas or view ?

Do you have any areas which you would like to change or views you would like to hide ?

Maintenance of the garden

What is your current knowledge of gardening ?

- Completely new to gardening
- Basic understanding but not much experience
- A little experience, I like gardening

Experience in

- growing vegetables growing fruit herbs
- Shrubs roses perennials and bulbs
- Basic gardening: weeding, mowing lawn, etc.

Would you like to acquire new skills, and if so what might those be?

Will you be doing the garden maintenance yourself ?

- Yes No

How much time do you have to work in your garden ?

hours per week

per month

Have you thought of a budget for maintaining your garden ? No Yes

If yes, what is your monthly budget ?

This will aid in prioritising, choosing plants, as well as what type of garden is suitable. This is especially important if you are not doing the garden maintenance yourself or require special skills for certain tasks.

Any additional comments :

What are your major concerns with regard to the maintenance of your garden ?

Note any specific concerns for existing plants along with the names if you know them.

Ambiance and style

What type of gardens do you like ? Briefly describe your style if you know.

What ambiance would you like to achieve ?

What are your preference for flower colours ?

Are there any colours or plants that you dislike ?

What type of materials do you like ? Example : natural stone, metal, wood

Designing with plants

Which type of planting are you interested in ?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Hedges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perennials | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Annuals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Containers | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs |

Do you have preferred seasons ? What seasons of interest are important to you ?

- Winter Spring Summer Autumn

Do you like flowers with scent ? Yes No

Do you have any favorite scented flowers ?

Do you have any allergies to plants or other materials that might be used outdoors ?

Make any notes that you have about plants that you like

Decorative Elements

Checkmark the items which are important to you :

- Lighting
- Sculptures
- Furniture
- Water features, fountains, ponds
- Other

Functionality

Which of the following would you like to incorporate into outdoor space ? We will review the best locations and consider the links between the spaces.

- dining outside, BBQ area
- relaxing space, chairs, sofa, hammock
- recreation area
- hanging laundry
- vegetable garden
- fruit trees
- ornamental borders : flowering borders
- walking areas
- Composting
- Lawn
- play area specific for children
- dining outside, BBQ area
- green house or tunnel
- animals such as chickens
- parking
- shed or storage area

Biodiversity

Is biodiversity important to you ? Yes No

If so, please note any ideas that you have :

Some examples of creating areas for biodiversity could be :

- Creating ponds or other wet zones.
- Leaving wild areas untouched with native plants
- Create a wild flower meadow or area
- Plant hedges with shrubs and /or trees good for birds, bees,etc.
- Building insect or wild animal habitats.
- Create a compost pile or pile of rotting branches
- Avoid planting invasive plant species
- Avoid using pesticides and other chemicals
- Avoid light and noise pollution

Any additional notes :