

# LANDSCAPE DESIGN

## IDEA PLANNER



Property Owners (First/Last) 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Property \_\_\_\_\_



Names of Other Family Members & Animal Friends	Age	Mobility Issues, Outdoor Allergies, Pertinent Info



### Landscape Budget

Please Check a range of investment that applies to you.

While we can't give any estimates on the project, this will help us to have a sense of your comfort level. Many clients stage their work over several years which can increase the overall budget. Economic volatility is definitely a current problem of course!

- ◇ Specific Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Under 10,000
- ◇ 10,000 to 20,000
- ◇ 20,000 to 40,000
- ◇ 50,000 to 100,000
- ◇ 100,000 to 200,000
- ◇ Whatever it takes



### Intentions ... Please Check whatever applies to you

#### We intend to live in this home ...

- ◇ Under 3 years
- ◇ Up to 10 years
- ◇ Up to 20 years
- ◇ Over 20 years
- ◇ Retire here

#### We intend to ...

- ◇ Get a pet
- ◇ Grow food
- ◇ Add on to the home
- ◇ Build a garage
- ◇ Build a pond
- ◇ Do a swimming pool/ hot tub
- ◇ Park more cars/RV
- ◇ Get more storage
- ◇ Entertain a lot
- ◇ Increase family size
- ◇ Hide the neighbours
- ◇ Make a sports court
- ◇ Ignore the place
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_



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## Site Analysis

**Make notes about what you love about this property and what is not working for you.**

### Gather up these documents...

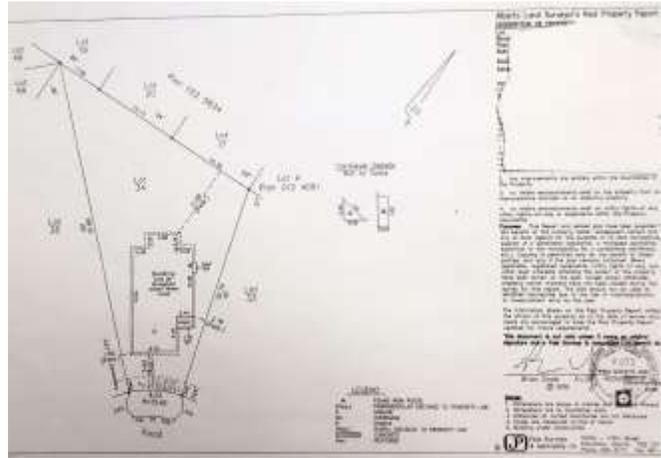
Survey/Real property report/Lot Plan (all are a similar type of document)

City zoning restrictions are usually just numbers listed on the real property report—find out what they mean

Condo guidelines and/or Developer guidelines if your house is new

### Here is what a Real Property Report looks like.

It is often attached to the bill of sale for your house. It shows property lines, house dimensions, utility right of way easements, restrictive covenants, North arrow, etc!



### My 3 favorite areas of the property are:

- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_

### My 3 disliked areas of the property are:

- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_

### The Whine List— Check please!

- ◇ Water pools in some areas
- ◇ My foundation leaks
- ◇ It is hard to grow anything
- ◇ Plants are out of control
- ◇ The neighbours are annoying
- ◇ There are steep slopes
- ◇ The trees are too big
- ◇ Snow drifts in a big pile
- ◇ Animals are a problem
- ◇ The walkways are bad
- ◇ There is no place to sit
- ◇ The steps are uneven
- ◇ The deck is too hot
- ◇ The deck is too shady
- ◇ The dog makes a mess
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_



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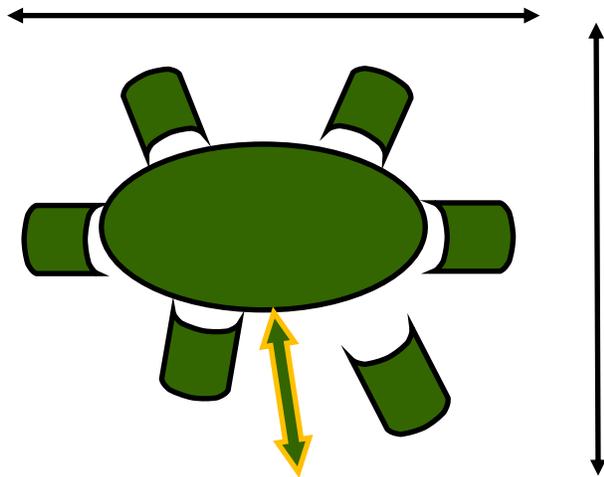
## Sitting Areas

**Decide what you really want to have for furniture, what size of space is required, how often are you actually outside, and do you like to eat outside?**

### # people? Daily, weekly, monthly?

	# Sitting?	# Eating?
1 person		
2 people		
3 to 8 people		
Large groups		

Measure your existing furniture's footprint.



Measure with the chairs pulled out and give a little extra for getting around the outside when the table is full of guests.

Check off the furniture groupings that you have & **circle** what you want

- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Coffee Nook
- Fire Pit
- Stand Up Bar and Stools
- Outdoor Kitchen
- Sleeping Area
- \_\_\_\_\_

Check what you have & **circle** wants.

- Fire Table
- Sectional
- Love seat
- Arm chairs # \_\_\_\_\_
- Chaise loungers # \_\_\_\_\_
- Hammock
- Porch swing
- Bench # \_\_\_\_\_
- Lawn Swing
- Adirondack Chairs
- Storage for Cushions
- BBQ Size \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza Oven
- Meat Smoker
- Gas heater
- Umbrella
- Gazebo/Pergola



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## Out Buildings

**This is where we discuss sheds, garages, barns, shops, and hideaways. Think about your storage needs and placement of these rather permanent items.**

- ◇ Are any of the out buildings being removed, moved or replaced?
- ◇ Are there restrictions about out buildings on your lot? Such as maximum size, location, proximity to property lines or house, etc. Go online or call and find out!

## The **She Shed** or **He Shed** Phenomenon

Sometimes life can seem a bit much and you wish you could just RUN AWAY?

How about building a little structure in an unused corner and putting up a sign...



Put in a window to view a secret garden and a patio door onto a yoga sized deck. Put up a solar panel and a bird feeder. Drag that Ikea futon out there; add a thick blanket and a whole bunch of pillows. You can even get a teeny sized woodstove used in tiny houses. Keep it under 10 by 10 and you might not even need a permit... Now you can paint, read, carve, meditate, get away from the kids or...do nothing!

### What items need storage?

- ◇ Bicycles # \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Lawn mower
- ◇ Garden tools/supplies
- ◇ Ladder
- ◇ Canoe/boat/quad
- ◇ Summer furniture
- ◇ Vehicles # \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Construction tools

- ◇ Wood pile
- ◇ Garbage/Recycles
- ◇ Toys
- ◇ Swimming pool stuff
- ◇ Sports equipment
- ◇ Seasonal decorations
- ◇ Camping equipment
- ◇ RV Size \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Animals \_\_\_\_\_

### Specialty Buildings & Sizes

- ◇ She/He Shed \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Cat gazebo \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Hot Tub hut \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Greenhouse \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Pump house \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Barn \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Utility Shed \_\_\_\_\_



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## Privacy & Shelter

**Walk around your property and notice where you feel uncomfortable spending time because of windows, pathways, open fences, sound, wind, sun, views, smells, hazards, animals etc.**

Fill in the following chart as you walk around your property. Rate each area according to your feeling of comfort or discomfort. Then jot down a word or two about that rating. Here is an example...

**Poor** **Great**

X	X	X	X	X	X						
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Sunny and Sheltered

Check off types of privacy and shelter that you might enjoy.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Hedges</li> <li>◇ Tall grasses</li> <li>◇ Slender trees</li> <li>◇ Evergreens</li> <li>◇ Trellises/ Screens</li> <li>◇ Tall shrubs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Arbours</li> <li>◇ Vines</li> <li>◇ Walls</li> <li>◇ Retaining walls</li> <li>◇ Shade trees</li> <li>◇ Sun sails</li> <li>◇ Frosted glass</li> </ul> |
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**Front Yard**

Poor Great

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**Upper Deck**

Poor Great

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**Fire Pit**

Poor Great

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**Left Side Yard**

Poor Great

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**Lower Patio**

Poor Great

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor Great

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**Right Side Yard**

Poor Great

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**Back of Property**

Poor Great

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor Great

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## Play Spaces

You don't have to be a kid to play in the yard! Be creative about what will entice you to go outside and enjoy yourself...

### Games create community

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|-------------------|------------------|
| ◇ Bocce           | ◇ Slip n Slide   |
| ◇ Horseshoes      | ◇ Bean bag toss  |
| ◇ Huge chessboard | ◇ Scavenger Hunt |
| ◇ Teetertotter    |                  |

Use this space to make notes & sketches!  
Cut out pictures that you love for inspiration and tape them into this workbook.

### Exercise Play

- ◇ Workout equipment
- ◇ Basketball
- ◇ Badminton
- ◇ Hockey rink
- ◇ Soccer
- ◇ Trampoline
- ◇ Play structure
- ◇ Swings

### Nature Play

- ◇ Trails
- ◇ Fort
- ◇ Boulders
- ◇ Bridge
- ◇ Pond/Stream
- ◇ Maze
- ◇ Climbing tree
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_

### Hobby Play

- ◇ Gardening
- ◇ Woodworking
- ◇ Hot tubbing
- ◇ Big Screen TV
- ◇ Making pizza/smoking
- ◇ Campfires
- ◇ Barbequing
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_



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## Gardening

Let's take an honest look at how much gardening you REALLY like doing!

And what does gardening mean to you?

How many hours a week can you invest in maintaining your plantings?

- ◇ Under 5 hrs      ◇ Fulltime
- ◇ Up to 10 hrs      ◇ I will hire someone
- ◇ Up to 20 hrs

## Is a Greenhouse a good idea?

After 5 or 6 months of the white stuff, the idea of being in a greenhouse is so enticing!

- ◇ Are you available to water twice a day in the early spring and in the heat of summer?
- ◇ Do you like peppers and tomatoes and herbs?
- ◇ Will you get a good greenhouse with lots of automated ventilation to prevent disease?

Sometimes just making a regular garden with a glazed fenced enclosure such as glass or plexiglass will create a manageable, pet proof, warm microclimate that is very abundant.

### Ornamental Gardening

- ◇ Trees
- ◇ Shrubs/Grafted shrubs
- ◇ Vines
- ◇ Perennials
- ◇ Grasses
- ◇ Bulbs
- ◇ Annuals
- ◇ Containers

### Environmental Gardening

- ◇ Wind protection
- ◇ Microclimate creation
- ◇ Pollinator attracting
- ◇ Native species
- ◇ Habitat creation
- ◇ Diversification
- ◇ Soil building species
- ◇ Water collection

### Productive Gardening

- ◇ Fruit trees
- ◇ Fruit shrubs
- ◇ Fruit vines
- ◇ Perennial roots
- ◇ Cooking/Medicinal Herbs
- ◇ Trugs—standing height
- ◇ Raised veggie beds
- ◇ In ground veggie beds



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## Gardening Styles

Personal taste and current fashions come into play here. Cut out pictures of gardens that you love and analyze them to see what it is about them that feels good to you.

**Tape a picture of your favourite garden here**

## The Eclectic Gardener

No you don't have to choose a style!

Your property could be formal in the front, woodland on the sides and casual in the back with a cottage style bed along the deck or patio!

It is good to know yourself and not try to match the neighbours.

### Mountain Style

- ◇ Boulders
- ◇ Mostly Evergreens
- ◇ Wood trim & accents
- ◇ Not much lawn or colour

### Formal Style

- ◇ Hedges, fences & gates
- ◇ Heavy foundation shrubs
- ◇ Manicured plants
- ◇ Well cared for lawn

### Cottage Style

- ◇ A lot of colour
- ◇ A lot of perennials
- ◇ Hanging baskets & Pots
- ◇ Décor items added in
- ◇ Arbours and vines

### Woodland Style

- ◇ House is hidden
- ◇ Native & edible plants
- ◇ Left to itself

### Natural or Casual Style

- ◇ A mixture of hardy plants
- ◇ Easy care
- ◇ A lot of lawn

### Modern Style

- ◇ Plants in dramatic groupings of limited varieties
- ◇ Low maintenance focus
- ◇ Often have a rectilinear shape to the beds and walks
- ◇ Artificial lawns are common



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## Decor

Create a garden that is uniquely your style.

Extend your season of beauty. Add elements that you can enjoy year-round.

## Try a Themed Garden

- ◆ It will have a cohesive look
- ◆ Use colours, architectural elements, historical styles, and collectables
- ◆ It then becomes easier to say no to everything else!

## First Impressions

What can you do to enhance the curb appeal?

- ◆ Have easy to see big house numbers
- ◆ Have a family name/address sign
- ◆ Use evergreens, dogwoods & grasses for year round interest
- ◆ Widen your front walkway
- ◆ Have a beautiful front door that you can see
- ◆ Rotate seasonal décor arrangements in big containers

### Lighting

- ◆ Up light the trees
- ◆ Wash lights on walls
- ◆ Path lights
- ◆ Twinkle lights in trees
- ◆ Trunk wrapping
- ◆ Moonlight from trees
- ◆ Underwater spotlights
- ◆ chandelier

### Structural elements

- ◆ Trellises
- ◆ Obelisks
- ◆ Bubbling rocks
- ◆ Boulders
- ◆ Containers
- ◆ Potager—kitchen garden
- ◆ Benches
- ◆ Arbours

### Ambience

- ◆ Outdoor speakers
- ◆ Beautiful cushions
- ◆ Statuary
- ◆ Statuary fountains
- ◆ Wall art
- ◆ Area carpets
- ◆ Fragrant plants
- ◆ Curtains



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## Specialty Gardens

Don't be afraid to add a unique garden type to your low maintenance set up. Try a cut flower garden, a moon garden (all white), an alpine garden, an herb spiral, or a butterfly garden. These can be tucked into a tiny area with a bench for a very charming effect.

## Dry Rivers

- ◇ Can add a bubbling rock within it
- ◇ Use a variety of rock types
- ◇ Fit in along your property's natural drainage channels

## Rain Gardens

Make a low area in the garden to collect water during a rain event with plants that don't mind temporarily wet feet. This will help to build up the water table.

## Bog Gardens

By lining a low area of the garden with heavy clay or a pond liner with holes in it, and then filling it with topsoil and peat moss, you can create a unique environment for plants that love somewhat wet conditions like Hosta, Siberian iris, marsh marigolds, & ligularia.

## Water Gardens

These are for plants that grow in various places in a pond environment and could be submerged, floating, or growing along the edge of the pond. Usually a rubber liner and filter system is required. Or try a container water garden! Because they mimic a natural ecosystem, ponds can entail some extra attention. Often the entertainment value is worth the effort. There are some awesome pond maintenance people who can assist you.

Plants I would love to add..

Themes and Colour Schemes...

Plants I that I must keep...

		Plants that I really don't like...