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?

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