

Garden Goals

Write down your goals, desires, and needs to create a program for the site that portrays the vision of what you want your garden to be.

Inventory	
Name	
Location	
Who are the primary users of the yard?	
What are their relevant hobbies, interests, problems (i.e. allergies)?	
What is your desired tenure and long-term plans in the home?	
Are there pets or animals?	
Who else uses the yard?	
What events can occur at the garden, how many people will be there, how often do they occur, and what time of year and day?	
Write down your intended use of the landscape and your top priorities, considering the lifestyle you want.	

Installation and Maintenance

When do you plan on hiring outside help? (i.e. hiring contractors for projects or for maintenance)	
What is the desired maintenance level? (consider hours per week at peak season)	
What is your desirability and skill level for do-it-yourself projects?	
What landscape or garden tasks do you enjoy?	
What landscape or garden tasks would you like to avoid?	
What is your desired timetable for landscape improvement?	
How do you want to break up the garden progression into stages?	
Budget	
What is your total landscape budget?	
What is your budget for the next landscape project?	
What is your yearly budget for garden maintenance?	

Desired Features

Feature	✓	Notes
Sustainable Features		
native plants		
biodiversity		
food, resource production		
pollinator garden		
wildlife habitat		
water-wise, xeriscaping		
resource conservation		
erosion control		
rain collection		
climate modification		
Play and Recreation		
lawn		
swimming		
hot tub		
play structures		
playhouse, fort, tree house		
slides, swings, play set		
sand box, mud play		
trampoline		
basketball, pickleball, multi-purpose court		
hard surfaces for bikes, play		
climbing structures		
zip lines		
nature play		
outdoor games		
fairy/miniature gardens		

Entertainment, Relaxation		
patios, decks		
shade structures		
outdoor furniture, seating		
hammocks, garden swings		
cooking/grilling area		
fire pit		
Ornamental Features		
water features		
pond		
waterfalls		
fountains		
sculptures, art		
rocks, boulders		
berms		
arbors		
planters		
hidden garden		
Functional Features		
fencing		
lighting		
compost		
raised garden beds		
greenhouses		
cold frames		
potting bench		
work area		
outdoor shower		
clothesline		
screening, enclosure		

Kitchen Gardens		
fruit trees		
vegetables		
small fruits		
herbs		
cut flowers		
Ornamental Plants		
flowers		
perennials		
shrubs		
trees		
evergreens		
vines		
screens, hedges		
fragrance		
season highlights		
Animals		
cats		
dogs		
fish		
chickens		
rabbits		
goats, sheep		
horses		
ducks, geese, quail		
Other Features		
seasonal displays		
weather station, antenna		
collections		

Storage		
sheds		
garden equipment		
outdoor toys/sports		
outdoor furniture		
garbage cans		
firewood		
additional parking		

Garden Style	
Find examples of gardens you want to emulate. What garden style do you want?	
Other Desires/Considerations	