



# Garden Design Questionnaire

*In order to assess your garden design needs, please answer the questions below.  
Consider how you use your garden now, and in the future.*

## Let's start where you are...

During the gardening season, how many hours do you spend gardening per week? \_\_\_\_\_ hrs / wk.

How much time do you want to spend in upkeep? \_\_\_\_\_ hrs / wk.

Will you care for your garden space? If not, who will? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the design elements in your garden /yard that you want to address? \_\_\_\_\_

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How many people, animals, plants use the space? \_\_\_\_\_

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What kinds of activities take place in your garden? What will you do in this space? \_\_\_\_\_

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Common Sense Gardens designs are inspired by permaculture design principles that focus on the relationship between people, places and plants.

We use permaculture assessments and client feedback to help you create garden spaces that makes sense for your lifestyle in your home or work space.

## Challenges:

What are the factors you cannot change such as a sunny area, or a pet area, or a neighbor's hedge?

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What are the contours or shapes that dominate the landscape? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your water sources, soil types, and other natural elements? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your Vision:

Do you prefer more naturalistic settings or a cultivated look? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want animals (i.e. bees, rabbits, chickens, frogs, birds and other natural habitat)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you prefer native, ornamental, edible or tropical plants (or all four)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred colors, scents or sounds? \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred materials (rock, wood, water, metal)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other special considerations (water features, art, dining areas, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your timeframe for this project? \_\_\_\_\_

How long do you plan to reside here? \_\_\_\_\_

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Let us help you improve our community, one garden design at a time!

### Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

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