

Rent-A-Master Gardener Pre-Questions

What makes you feel good when you're outdoors?

How much time are you willing to devote to maintenance?

Will you hire out the maintenance?

Will you Implement the plan yourself?

What is/are your favorite color? Season? Plants to view?

Plants to smell? Least favorites?

What do you see when looking out the windows?

Do you like formal gardens? Natural gardens?

Are there physical handicaps or allergies that should be taken into account?

Is there a need for night-lighting?

Are there children? Ages? Do they need a play area?

Are there pets? Do they dig? Do they need to be contained by a fence?

Do you have plans (or dreams) to add a pool, an addition, a greenhouse, a garage, a hot tub, a deck, etc. in the future?

What aspects of the property bother you the most?

Do you know of trouble spots (drainage problems, spots the sprinkler misses, erosion, problematic trees, too much sun entering a window, etc.)?

Are mosquitoes a problem in the area? Are deer?

Do you have a budget in mind? A timetable?

How is the property used; what do you do outdoors? Does the use change seasonally? Is there anything you'd like to do outdoors but can't?

Do you have hobbies that influence the way the property is used?

Do you entertain or cook outdoors? Sit outdoors with a glass of wine or tea?

Are there neighborhood covenants?

Is there a septic system? Do you know its location?

Are you interested in harvesting vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, or herbs?

Is there an irrigation system? Does it function properly?

Have you a desire to strictly or primarily use native plants in the landscape?

Are you opposed to using pesticides or man-made chemicals in the garden?

Do you want to attract wildlife to the garden?

Are there views or noises that need to be hidden or disguised?

Do you have any sculptures or containers you wish to incorporate into the landscape?

Do any of the existing plants have sentimental value?

What do you want from the landscape that you're not getting now? What will you want from it in a few years?

What would you want if money were no object?