**Check-List**

The Journey to A Fabulous Garden Starts Here… Great gardens happen because they are meticulously well planned. Each little detail is carefully considered in advance by you and your garden designer to give you the garden of your dreams. Firstly, you need to get an idea of what you want, know what you already have and set your budget. Then, you’ll know exactly what you are getting before a spade hits the soil. Begin with our Perfect Garden Checklist today.

**Setting The Scene**

What area(s) of the garden are you looking to improve?

 Front

 Back

 Both

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approx. size of the area \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Who will use the garden?**

 Adults

 Young Children

 Children

 Pets- Dogs, Cats etc

 Reduced Mobility, Disabled

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What room(s) of the house is likely to be used to access the finished garden?**

 Living area

 Kitchen

 Boot or Utility Room

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Is the property within a conservation area and/or do any trees have preservation orders?**

 Yes No Don’t know

**Is the property a listed building?**

 Yes No

**Are you planning any future building work?**

 Yes No

Further info about building work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have direct outside access to the garden?**

 Yes, we have side access outside.

 No, we must go through the house.

**Your Existing Garden**

Considering the positive and negatives of your existing garden is essential to knowing what works for you. What do you like most about it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have scenic views to be enjoyed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to keep? Existing plants, trees, garden features etc. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What are the problem areas in your garden?**

 Areas that remain wet and waterlogged.

 Too steep.

 Not enough places to sit down and/or in wrong places.

 Needs more privacy.

 Other

**Using Your Dream Garden**

**How do you want to use your new garden?** (Tick all that apply)

 For entertaining friends and family.

 Sitting and relaxing after a busy day.

 A safe and exciting place for children to play.

 A place to encourage wildlife.

 To grow vegetable and fruit.

 Outdoor room extension to my living space.

 A peaceful sanctuary to escape from the world.

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Design & Style Inspiration**

How would you best describe the landscaping styles you prefer?

 Formal- Symmetrical, clean lines.

 Informal- Asymmetrical, curvaceous, mixed planting

 English Cottage Style- Mix of colours and forms in a relaxed effect.

 Contemporary- Modern, clean lines, restricted plant colour palette/types.

 Relaxed Mediterranean- Gravel, grasses, drought tolerant plants.

 Asian Style- Gravel gardens, zen, Japanese style often with bright coloured features.

 Lush Tropical- Big bold leaf plants often with bright coloured flowers.

 Other

**What colour schemes do you love?**

 Cool Pastels- purple, blue, white, violet, pale pink etc.

 Hot & Vibrant- red, yellow, oranges

 Greens

 Whites

 Don’t mind. Surprise me.

**Aspirational Garden Features**

**What are the main garden features you would like in your new garden?**

 A space for dining

 A place to sit in comfy seats

 Sun lounging

 Paving

 Decking

 Lawn

 Planting

 Water Feature

 Lighting

 Outdoor Kitchen, BBQ, Cooking

 Firepit

 Play Area for Children

 Hot Tub

 Veg Patch

 Wildflower area

 Pergola for shade and seclusion

 Privacy

 Exercise Zone

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What useful things would you like in your new garden?**

 Utility area for bins and recycling.

 Compost area

 Clothes drying

 Sheds & Storage

**Aftercare**

Try to consider how much time will you have to spend looking after your new garden.

Which would you prefer?

 Low maintenance- Spring and autumn clean-ups with shrubs and evergreens.

 Medium maintenance- Mixed planting that needs occasional care, some dividing, shaping, pruning and lawn mowing.

 Keen Gardener- You don’t mind dividing, staking and pruning etc.

 Not for me- I will get a professional gardener in to help.

**Your Budget**

A professionally designed landscaped garden is a great investment to your home as well as faithfully serving you for years to come much like a new kitchen and any building project. If the budget seems overwhelming, you can build the project in manageable phases.

How much do you have to invest?

 £15K-25K

 £25-£50K

 £50-£75K

 Above £75K

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_