

## WORKSHEET: LANDSCAPING PRIORITIES PG. 1 OF 3

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Part I: The Givens		
Who will use the yard?	Maintenance	lssues (cont.):
Adults Children	<ul><li>DIY</li><li>Professional crew</li></ul>	Irrigation Lack of cohesion
Eldery Pets	Existing elements that can't/don't need to be	Lack of curb appeal Lighting Noise
<ul> <li>When is the yard used?</li> <li>Spring</li> <li>Summer</li> <li>Fall</li> <li>Winter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>changed:</li> <li>Fence</li> <li>Flower beds</li> <li>Pond</li> <li>Pool</li> <li>Structures (shed, arbor, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Overgrowth</li> <li>Parking</li> <li>Pets</li> <li>Privacy</li> <li>Security</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>What are the primary activities?</li> <li>Playing</li> <li>Entertaining</li> <li>Vegetable gardening</li> <li>Display gardening</li> <li>Swimming</li> <li>Other</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Trees</li> <li>Issues:</li> <li>Access/egress</li> <li>Allergies</li> <li>Drainage/erosion</li> <li>Fire risk</li> <li>Insects</li> <li>Invasive plants</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shade</li> <li>Slope</li> <li>Storage</li> <li>Sun Exposure</li> <li>Transition areas/flow</li> <li>Walkways</li> <li>Wildlife</li> <li>Wind</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>

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Part II: Wish List	Part	11:	Wish	List
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Tip: To prioritize your wish list, put one star for items that are Desirable, and two stars for ones that are Essential.

Storage Needs	Structural Features	Water/plumbing Features
Bicycles	Arbor/Arch/Trellis	Fountain
Garbage/Recycling cans	Fence	French drain
Garden equipment & supplies	Fire feature	Hot tub
Lawn furniture & cushions	Fountain Gazebo	<ul> <li>Irrigation system</li> <li>Misting system</li> </ul>
Outdoor toys	Greenhouse	Pond/waterfall
<ul><li>Pool toys</li><li>Sports equipment</li></ul>	Mound/berm	Pool
Other	Outdoor kitchen Patio or deck	<ul><li>Rain barrel</li><li>Dry creek</li></ul>
Accessories	Pet run	Grassed swale
Bench	Pergola	Garden Features
Bird feeder	Playset	Compost
Boulders	Pool house	Container garden
Flag pole	Sandbox	Raised beds
Furniture Putting green	Shading	Rockery
Sculpture	Storage/potting shed	Vegetable beds
Swing	Water feature	
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