

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

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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	 Irrigation system Misting system
Outdoor toys	Greenhouse	Pond/waterfall
Pool toysSports equipment	Mound/berm	Pool
Other	Outdoor kitchen Patio or deck	Rain barrelDry creek
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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