

Worksheet: Getting Started — Research, Prep and Design



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Instructions: This worksheet will help you to plan the development of your outdoor space. In completing this worksheet you will detail your current outdoor situation and what you'd like your future outdoor space to include. It will generate discussion, help to prioritize elements, and help you decide what dollar amounts to dedicate to each element in relation to your project budget.

Who are you?		Current Family	Future Family
Identify some basic information about your family that will help in getting started to determine needs and wants for your patio/garden.	Number of adults and their ages		
	Number of children and their ages		
	Number of pets and types		
	Length of time in house (years or months)		
	Other		
	How will the family change in the next 3 years?		
	How will their needs change?		
	How long do you plan to stay in this house?		
	Any home remodeling needed or planned?		
Home usage?	1. Identify HOW patio/garden/yard is used:	Current Use	Future Use
How is your house currently being used and how do you see it being used in the future?	Entertaining area?		
	Play area?		
	Dining area?		
	Relaxation area?		
	Grill/kitchen area?		
	Pool/hot tub/spa?		
	Work area?		
	2. Identify WHEN patio/garden/yard is used:		
	Seasons?		
	Weekdays/weekends?		
	Time of day, night, or both?		
	3. Identify issues or concerns:		
	Privacy?		
	Security?		
	Noise?		
	Water?		
	Pests?		