



Landscape & Garden Planning Guide



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Fill out this planning guide and submit it before your Virtual Design Session. Call us if you have questions at 630-820-8088 x125. The Growing Place in Aurora is located at 2000 Montgomery Rd. Aurora, IL 60504.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Location of the Area to be Designed

Personal Preferences

Personal style? Do you prefer: Manicured Casual Natural
(Provide a photo of your preferred style if you like. (in our zone 5 Chicago climate).

How often do you like to work in the garden? 1x week or more Monthly Only spring/fall cleanup

Do you like your plants arranged more openly with more mulch space between them?

Or, do you like your plant groups arranged more fully?

Do you have specific design requests? Specialty gardens such as bird, butterfly, or vegetable? _____

Plants you would like included? _____

Plants you do not want? _____

Plants types/groups you like or dislike?

Perennials? Like or Dislike Ornamental grasses? Like or Dislike Groundcovers? Like or Dislike

Fragrances? _____

Color Preferences? Soft colors Bright colors Any colors you dislike? _____

Do you have Privacy or Screening needs? (neighbor's patio, house, car, swingset, etc) Yes No
Include a photo taken from your viewpoint.

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Site Conditions

- FULL SUN** 6+ hours of sun anytime during the day/south and west sides of buildings.
 - PART SHADE** Lightly filtered sun or 3-5 hours of morning sun, sometimes found on the east side of buildings and under the light shade of trees.
 - FULL SHADE** 1-3 hours of sun anytime during the day, usually on the north side of homes, between buildings or under trees.
 - MIXED AREA** Part of the bed is _____ and the other side is _____
- Does the area have conditions not visible at the time you took the photos? If yes, please describe: _____

Wet areas: Does the area have any standing water at any time? Yes No How deep? _____
Only in Spring or Winter or Every rain Other? _____

Does this area get salted in winter? Yes No **Do you have animal problems?** Deer Rabbits
 Any pet needs? _____

Area to be designed now contains?

- Sod/grass
- Weeds
- Old overgrown shrubs
- Wood mulch
- Existing perennials
- Landscape fabric or plastic
- Mature trees
- Stone or rock mulch
- Nothing, the area has been cleared

Watering & Maintenance:

How much water does the garden area currently receive?

- Dry (plants wilt unless watered)
- Moist (moister, but no standing water)
- Well drained (no standing water ever, may need to water if no rain)
- Wet most of the time (sump outflow /low areas)

How is water supplied to the garden area?

- By hose/hand. If so, how far to the nearest hose? _____ It is easy, or difficult to get water to this area?
- Sprinkler systems that runs _____ time(s) per week _____ for minutes in this garden area.

Do you: check plants for water needs in summer heat or generally let plants survive on their own?

Do you have a Lawn/Maintenance Service? Yes No

Who does the perennial maintenance? (deadheading and grooming) _____

Who prunes the shrubs? _____

Who does spring cleanup? _____

Installation Needs Will you be doing the labor yourself for the items below? Or would you like help?

- DIY Estimate Full installation includes any of the following: Prepare an existing or create a new garden bed; sod, shrub and/or weed, groundcover or perennial removals; adding soil or compost; planting new plants and mulching.
- DIY Estimate Shrub or small tree removal only
- DIY Estimate New tree and / or shrub planting only
- DIY Estimate Hardscapes, paver patios or walks. Fabric, rock mulch, or timber removal, or other labor?