

GARDEN CONSULTATION – CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE & SITE ANALYSIS

Personal Information

Date:

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email(s):

How did you hear about Prairie Flora?

The following questions are designed to give us an overview of your property and your lifestyle, and what it is you are looking for in a prairie landscape. We appreciate having these questions filled out prior to our first consult / quote as they will help start the wheels turning for us all.

If you are unsure how to answer some of the following questions at this time. Please contemplate the answers so we may discuss them further during our first meeting.

PRAIRIE GARDEN SERVICES

Which of the following prairie garden services are you considering? Please check all that apply.

- Prairie Garden consultation for existing gardens
- Prairie Garden design for existing gardens
- Prairie Garden consultation for a new garden or extension to an existing garden
- Prairie Garden design for a new garden or extension to an existing garden
- Help establishing prairie species on an acreage
- Garden installation
- Planting
- Prairie seeding
- Maintenance
- Other? Please explain

Have you ever planted prairie plants in your landscape before?

YOUR SITE'S EXISTING CONDITIONS

How would you describe the site of your property? Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban lot | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sloped |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmland | <input type="checkbox"/> Open meadow | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other? Please Explain | | |

How large is your property?

Do you have existing gardens which you would like to add prairie plants to? How many?
Approximately how many square feet?

Does the garden get sunlight between 9 am and noon? Noon to 3pm? After 3pm?

Do your gardens face North, South, East, or West?

Are there any micro-climates or special areas we should consider?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> windy / protected | <input type="checkbox"/> erosion | <input type="checkbox"/> poor soil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> steep slopes | <input type="checkbox"/> total shade | <input type="checkbox"/> standing water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hot / dry | <input type="checkbox"/> soggy | |

Do you have a septic tank or drain field on your property? Where is it?

Are there existing features you would like to remove (trees, etc)?

Are there features you wish to renovate and keep?

Are you or your next-door neighbours planning any major construction that may affect your property's micro-climate?

Do you consider your home to be a permanent residence or an interim home?

Does your current garden reflect the architectural style of your home? Is this important to you?

Are there easements, deed restrictions or covenants to be aware of in making changes on your property?

Do you have lot plans or surveys? (These are very helpful if you can locate them)

Are there underground utilities, drainage systems or other problems?

What do you like the most about your property right now?

What do you like the least about your property right now?

THE FUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

The following questions give us an idea where and how much “green space” you will need. If you are not planning on creating new gardens or expanding your existing gardens, *some* of the following questions in the next 2 sections *may not* relate to your project. Please read all questions and answer those that do. Questions can always be answered at a later time if your project plans change.

Spouse/Partner?

Children? How many? What ages?

Other family members?

In terms of being in a garden, does anyone have any allergies or special needs?

Pets? What kind? How many? Do they like to dig?

Outdoor dining? How many people? How often?

Indoor / outdoor entertaining? How many? How often?

Outdoor activities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Playing | <input type="checkbox"/> Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Meditation / contemplation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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Do you foresee the need for any other outbuildings?

Where do you place your garbage cans? Are you satisfied with this arrangement?

Do you need an outdoor storage shed?

A place for a woodpile? Compost bins?

Children's Play Area

Do you need room for play equipment?

Does it need to be visible from a particular room of the house?

HARDSCAPE – THE STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT

Do you see the need for other walkways or paths on your property?

Might you plan any of the following landscape elements? (Although Prairie Flora does not design or install any of these elements, we will take these elements into consideration during the design phase so that any new gardens are created in appropriate proportion and location.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace/Fire Pit | <input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water feature | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck | <input type="checkbox"/> Retaining wall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot tub / Jacuzzi | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's play area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Patio | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports court/area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) | | |

SOFTSCAPE – THE PLANTED ENVIRONMENT

The plants selected for your outdoor living areas can provide many things. Take a moment to consider the goals below. Please check each goal you would like to achieve through your plantings:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Create a sanctuary space | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce wind | <input type="checkbox"/> Add texture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy from the inside looking out | <input type="checkbox"/> Attract Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Low maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce undesirable noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Create privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Curb appeal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide cut flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Add fragrance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |

Please check each element that you would like to include in your landscape.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> lawn areas (large or small) | <input type="checkbox"/> flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> fruit trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vegetable garden | <input type="checkbox"/> groundcovers | <input type="checkbox"/> shrubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ornamental grasses | <input type="checkbox"/> trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Containers (pots) |

Are there plants of which you are particularly fond?

Are there plants that you dislike or are allergic to?

Are there any existing plants that you are particularly attached to? Please list and indicate if they can be relocated.

Are there colors you prefer or want to avoid?

Do you wish to have a large lawn area? For what purpose?

What style of garden appeals to you?

- Natural Formal English Cottage Other? Please explain
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Screening and Privacy

Do you need to screen a view in any direction?

Are there any views you want to preserve?

Do you need screening from noise, (busy street or noisy neighbors), in any direction?

Do you want more privacy in certain areas of your garden/house? Please describe.

Is there anything that you did or did not like about a previous landscape company or landscape?

INSTALLATION, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE

Do you like your garden tidy or natural look to your garden?

How much time will family members spend per month on maintenance?

Non/Hire Out 4 hours or less 4-8 hours 8 hours or more

Do you or will you employ a gardening service?

BUDGET

Do you have an idea how much you want to spend on your landscape project?

Less than \$1000 \$1000 to \$3000 \$3000 to \$5000 over \$5000

Do you want an immediate landscape or will you install it in phases?

Please add any other information that you feel would be helpful in planning your design.

Include any photos or idea clippings if you have them or bring them to our first meeting.

Please scan and email the completed questionnaire to aimee@prairieflora.com or mail it to Prairie Flora at P.O. Box 621 Teulon, MB. R0C 3B0. We will contact you as soon as we receive it to arrange a site visit. If you are planning on hiring Prairie Flora to design your prairie garden, we offer an initial consultation at no charge.

Please refer to our Prairie Flora Services page on our website for more information about our consultation and design pricing.