

# Questions To Ask Yourself Before You Dig

1. Where are your property lines? What are the rules in your area?
  - a. Fences, screens, waterways, etc.
2. How much time is spent outdoors?
3. Are there children?
  - a. Young children, teenagers, college students
  - b. Open spaces, shade trees, ornamentals
4. Do you like to entertain? How large is your family?
  - a. Patios and decks
5. Which views do you like? Which do you want to hide?
6. Are retaining walls needed?
7. Is there going to be a vegetable garden and/or perennial garden?
8. Do you plan on having any water features or lights?
9. Is water easily accessible?
  - a. Nearby spigot, sprinkler system
10. Who will take care of the yard? Who mows the lawn?
11. How much time is there to spend cleaning beds?
12. What styles do you like? What catches your eye?
  - a. Garden tours, books, etc.
13. Are there other buildings in the design?
  - a. Potting shed, gazebo, playhouse, etc.
14. What are you putting around your plants?
  - a. Landscape rock, wood mulch, cocoa bean hulls, pine needles, etc.