

## GARDEN DESIGN CHECKLIST

This checklist compiles yard information and asks for additional details to create a final garden design.

### Garden Characteristics for Your Pollinator Garden Site

### Your Site's Information

*(check the boxes that apply)*

#### Hardiness Zone

**Predominant Soil Type**  Loam  Clay<sup>1</sup>  Sand<sup>1</sup>

**Sun Exposure**  Full sun  Part sun  Shade<sup>1</sup>

**Garden Orientation**  North  South  East  West<sup>1</sup>

**Water**  Average soil moisture

Wet area identified<sup>1</sup>

Dry area identified<sup>1</sup>

Site has sufficient access to irrigate plants during establishment

Need to bring water source to garden<sup>2</sup>

**Existing vegetation**  Invasive plants need to be removed<sup>2</sup>

No invasive plants in yard

Existing native plants located in yard need to be incorporated into new Pollinator Garden

Wet soil indicator species identified<sup>1</sup>

Dry soil indicator species identified<sup>1</sup>

**Existing Pollinators Using the**  Bees  Butterflies/Moths

**Yard**  Flies  Beetles

**Materials and Tools** Garden gloves  Have  Need

Garden trowels  Have  Need

Spade  Have  Need

Shovel  Have  Need

Garden rake  Have  Need

Hand pruners  Have  Need

Garden scissors  Have  Need

Garden twine  Have  Need

Watering can  Have  Need

Garden hose  Have  Need

#### Budget for Garden

#### Installation

<sup>1</sup> specifically adapted plants will need to be selected to fit these growing conditions

<sup>2</sup> special site preparations needed

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**Garden Location in Yard**

Grass will need to be removed via:<sup>2</sup>  
\_\_\_solarization \_\_\_mechanical \_\_\_chemical \_\_\_smothering

Minimal site preparation required

**Garden Location  
Considerations**

Not near any plants where pesticides are applied by yourself or neighbors

Not too close to property boundary lines

Not located where wind is usually blowing or particularly strong

Will not interfere with existing structures as the plants grow and mature

Will not interfere with foot traffic or vehicle movement—even in the winter with snow present

Not located on slope

Situated so it can be viewed from desired vantage points (e.g., deck, street, patio)

Will not interfere with or be damaged by snow storage or ice-melt chemicals in the winter

Buffer for insects was considered—bees flying around won't interfere with pet or human activities

Nest sites for ground nesting bees within reasonable distance from garden site

**Garden Shape**

Square/rectangle     Round/oval

Crescent                 Irregular

**Garden Dimensions if  
Geometric in Shape**

**Garden Square Footage**

**Utilities**     I have contacted Dig Safe to ensure there are no conflicts with utilities for the proposed garden site.

Dig Safe Inc., is a nonprofit organization that will notify your utility company about your project for free. Call 811. <http://www.digsafe.com/>

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