



Information about our 2015 In-store Landscape Coach Appointments

The design advice that will be provided during your in-store appointment is intended to help you make changes to one area or view of your property. **Your \$60 appointment includes:**

- **One hour with a designer** in either our Naperville or Aurora location.
- **ONE area or view of your property.** Such as the front yard, one side of the backyard, one corner of the backyard, around the patio/deck area or a single side yard.
- **Discussion time;** based on your photos, measurements and this questionnaire. We will discuss your project parameters and personal preferences.
- **Pencil Sketch;** will be done after we determine plant selection and placement.
- **Plant List** will accompany the pencil sketch.
- **Project Packet** that includes written plant descriptions in our Plant Guide, and planting, mulching and pruning/maintenance instructions. Photos are on the website Online Plant Guide.
- **Coupon for \$40** that can be applied to a \$200 minimum purchase. Expires 2 weeks from appt.

To schedule an appointment, please call:

Aurora 630-820-8088 or Naperville 630.355.4000 or email landscape@thegrowingplace.com.

Please bring the following with you to your advice appointment:

- ✓ **Printed pictures OR photos in a laptop or tablet** of the area taken from different angles – a direct view, side view and several more additional views. *We cannot work from photos in a camera or any phone.*
- ✓ **Measurements** of the garden area. Include heights of widows if the area is against the house.
- ✓ **Existing Plants:** Height and width of any plants that are to stay in their current location.
- ✓ **Existing Items:** Mark all immovable objects such as: downspout and sump pump outflow spots, storm drains, water faucets, electrical & utility boxes, sprinkler heads, and landscape lighting.
- ✓ **Very wet or dry areas:** Note low spots that are damp or collect rainwater or high areas that are dry.
- ✓ **Plat of Survey:** please bring a copy – it shows your home on your property and all easements.
- ✓ **Questionnaire:** Complete the questionnaire on the next page.

Alternative In-home Coaching Services or Plan drawings and Installations.

Landscape Coaching... A home visit is often the best way to assess your landscaping situation and gardening challenges. A Designer will consult with you on design solutions, plant placement, plant identification and selection, plant health care advice, maintenance tips and more. Fees: \$100 for the first hour and \$40 per half-hour thereafter.

Scaled Drawings... We start with a home visit that includes a consultation to discuss your project and to document the site. This is followed by a project presentation at The Growing Place when your plan is completed. Your Project Packet will contain a scaled drawing with plant pictures and care information. A scaled drawing and/or a site consultation is a must for anyone who uses our installation service and for projects that require more detail. Project fees start at \$250

Installation Services... Available for most planting and landscaping needs.



Design Day Questionnaire

Name: _____ email: _____

Address _____ town _____ zip _____ phone _____

Please note: When design advice is given without the benefit of seeing your garden in person, there will always be conditions that affect the overall design not visible in your pictures or answered by this questionnaire. The quantity of plants suggested may vary or placement may change, once you physically lay them out due to your actual site conditions.

Site Conditions

Ñ **Location of area:** _____ (front door, backyard, patio, etc.)

Ñ **Light conditions:**

___ **FULL SUN**– 6+ hours of sun anytime during the day, south and west sides of buildings unless shaded

___ **PART SUN** – More sunny than shady. Lightly filtered sun or 3-5 hours of afternoon sun, usually found on the west side of building and under trees with *morning* shade.

___ **PART SHADE** – Lightly filtered sun or 3 to 5 hours of morning sun, usually found on the east side of buildings and under the light shade of trees.

___ **FULL SHADE** – Less than 3 hours of sun anytime during the day, usually found on the north side of homes, between buildings or under trees with heavy shade.

Ñ **Moisture conditions:**

___ **Dry most of the time** -wet for less than a day after a substantial rain.

___ **Well drained soil.** Moist when it rains – no standing water.

___ **Mixed:** Dry in summer, wet in spring or with wet for some time after a substantial rain, dry inbetween.

___ **Wet most of the time** (sump pump outflow or low lying area).

Ñ **How is water supplied?** ___ By hose / hand How far to the nearest hose? _____

or a ___ Sprinkler systems that runs _____x per week for _____ minutes in this area.

Ñ **Maintenance** – How often do you like to work in the garden?

1x Week___ Every 2 Weeks___ 1x Month___ Hardly Ever___ Only spring/fall cleanup ___

Ñ **Do you have a Lawn / Maintenance Service?** Yes No

Ñ **Age of your home:** New construction?___ or Established neighborhood (more than 15 years old)?___

Ñ **Area to be designed now contains (circle items)**

Sod / Grass Weeds Old overgrown shrubs Mature trees (do you know the kind?)

Existing perennials/shrubs Landscape fabric Other _____

Stone or rock mulch Wood mulch Nothing, area has been cleared.

Ñ **Do you have animal problems?** Deer rabbits **Pet needs?** _____

Personal Preferences

Do you have specific area requests?

Specialty (bird, butterfly, etc.) _____ Plants you dislike? _____

Plants you would like included? _____

Ñ **Strong LIKES or DISLIKES?** Variegated leaves, color, texture, etc. _____

Please feel free to bring magazine or book photos of styles you like or dislike.

Ñ **Chores:** A main type of maintenance you **dislike?** (pruning, deadheading, etc.) _____

Ñ **Personal style?** Do you prefer manicured _____ or a casual _____ natural _____

Ñ **Color Preferences?** Soft colors? Bright colors? A color you dislike? _____ Like? _____

Ñ **Privacy / Screening needs?** If yes, please plan to bring a photo of this view