Starting Your Landscape Design

Today on Gardening in a Minute: starting your landscape design.

Designing your own landscape can be a rewarding and fun experience. But before you start drawing a master plan, remember that planning can make all the difference!

First, spend some time thinking about how you plan to use your garden.

Next, inventory your site. Walk around and mark down what you want to keep or change. Note plants, soil types, views, pathways, and other elements. Pay special attention to sun and shade patterns and drainage.

Take rough measurements and draw a map of your site. Include the house and other buildings, utilities, driveways and paths, and any landscape elements you want to keep.

Finally, use the information you gathered during the site analysis to start drawing ideas on your site map. Remember to put the right plant in the right place!

For more information about landscape design and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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