

Checklist 19–2. Developing Use Areas

PUBLIC USE ENTRANCE AND FRONT AREAS

Identify strategies to accent entryway:

- Alter the pathway: widen or change surface
- Add a featured plant
- Add a hardscape feature
- Add lighting

Assess house number visibility:

- Visible from a car driving both ways down street
- Visible traveling both ways on the sidewalk
- Visible at night
- Evaluate how visitors enter the home:
- Adequate parking for visitors:
- Off-street – include in landscape with easy access to entry
- On-street – easy access to entry
- Pathway to front door:
- Wide enough
- Well lit
- Free from tripping hazards
- Entry area visible and well lit

PRIVATE USE FAMILY ACTIVITY AREAS

Consider for outdoor entertainment space:

- Patio, deck, or terrace: _____
- Number of people to accommodate in space: _____
- Dining space adequate for desired table size
- Fireplace or fire pit
- Lighting of entertainment spaces
- Outdoor cooking space:
- BBQ pad
- Built-in gas grill
- Burners
- Ventilation
- Access to water

Consider hedges or screens for privacy:

- Outdoor entertainment spaces
- Unsightly areas on landscape site
- Neighboring properties
- Plant screen
- Hardscape screen (fences or walls)

Consider for children's play area:

- Playground equipment
- Sandbox
- Playhouse

Consider for recreation/sports areas:

- Lawn
- Basketball court/net

- Tennis court
- Swimming pool
- Lighting
- Other _____

Consider for pathways:

- Accessibility to activity areas
- Connectivity between activity areas
- Lighting

Consider for edible garden:

- Raised beds
- In-ground garden
- Fruit, nut trees and shrubs
- 6–8 hours of sunlight
- Greenhouse
- Evaluate soil type
- Good drainage; no low spots where water accumulates
- Good air circulation
- Protection from heavy winds
- Near good location for a compost pile
- Close to the kitchen
- Out of major sight lines
- Close to potable water source

Consider for pets:

- Identify pet(s) use of landscape
- Adequate turf grass meet for pets' needs
- Outdoor shelter for your pet(s):
- Kennel
- Dog house
- Dog run
- Shady areas for outdoor pet(s)
- Fencing
- Lighting

UTILITY OR SERVICE AREAS:

Considerations for exterior household utilities:

- Accessible for maintenance
- Adequate room for air flow
- Lighting

Storage:

- Garden and lawn equipment
- Garbage cans
- Bicycles
- Outdoor toys
- Sports equipment
- Lawn furniture/cushions

Screening for service areas:

- Plants
- Hardscape