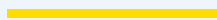


Garden Makeover Preparation Checklist

Get your outdoor space ready for a professional transformation



Whether you're planning a full landscaping project or a simple garden tidy-up, proper preparation saves time and money. Use this checklist before your gardener or landscaper arrives.

FREE CHECKLIST

Planning Your Vision

- ☐ Decide what you want: low-maintenance, family-friendly, entertaining space, or cottage garden?
- ☐ Take photos of your current garden from multiple angles
- ☐ Measure the garden — note boundaries, slopes, and drainage direction
- ☐ Identify what you want to keep: existing plants, trees, structures, or hard landscaping
- ☐ Check boundary ownership (deeds) before replacing fences or walls
- ☐ Look up local planning rules — some structures (sheds, pergolas) may need permission

Practical Considerations

- ☐ Check for underground utilities: water pipes, gas mains, electric cables, drainage
- ☐ Consider sun and shade patterns throughout the day — this affects planting choices
- ☐ Plan for drainage: where does rainwater go? Will new paving need drainage solutions?
- ☐ Think about access: Can a skip or materials be delivered to your garden?
- ☐ Set a realistic budget — landscaping costs vary hugely depending on materials

Hiring a Professional

- ☐ Get at least three quotes with a detailed breakdown
- ☐ Ask to see photos or visit examples of their previous work
- ☐ Confirm who supplies plants and materials
- ☐ Agree a timeline — some planting is seasonal
- ☐ Discuss aftercare: Will they provide a maintenance plan or schedule?

Before Work Starts

- ☐ Clear the garden of personal items, toys, and movable furniture
- ☐ Secure or relocate any pets during the works
- ☐ Inform your neighbours about the project — especially if it affects shared boundaries
- ☐ Confirm skip permit if placing a skip on the road
- ☐ Protect indoor flooring near garden access points

Top Tip:

The best time for major landscaping works in the UK is spring or autumn. Summer is too dry for new planting, and winter ground can be too waterlogged to work.

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