

Gardener Checklist

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- Choosing a Gardener
 - Determine what services you need for your garden or lawn.
 - Decide if you'd like garden help on a regular or occasional basis.
 - Ask neighbors and friends for recommendations.
 - Schedule tasks seasonally.
 - Get estimates from garden services (an hourly rate or a seasonal fee).
 - Schedule interviews with at least two gardeners.
 - See and check testimonials from past customers.
 - See photographs of previous work to check the quality of the work.
 - Ask if you can visit the garden of an exiting or previous client.
 - Choose a gardener whose gardening style fits yours.
 - Determine the gardener's skill level if you need special services.
 - Check for insurance.
 - Do tell your gardener what you have to spend.
- Working with a Gardener
 - Be clear about what work you want carried out.
 - Put down in writing the exact details of what you want done.
 - Tell the gardener how you want your garden treated and what materials can and can't be used.
 - Make sure you agree on work schedule details.
 - Decide if you or the gardener will choose, buy or put in plants.
 - After a month of the gardener's being hired, look on how your garden or lawn is doing under his care.
 - Conduct routine assessments of the gardener's work.