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
- Sand box
- Play house

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