

Introduction to Garden Design

Reading Assignments for Fall 2026

We have 2 texts, the **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design** (which you purchased) and the **Site Assessment Handbook** (a pdf you downloaded from Moodle in the Intro Week).

We will work in both texts for through the Introductory Week and Modules 1 & 2, then from Modules 3-6, textbook reading will be from the Encyclopedia of Landscape Design.

Below is a list of the reading assignments from our textbooks. There will be additional reading online in Moodle that will open each week, however you are welcome to read ahead in the textbook if you wish.

Introduction Week (August 25-28)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design: First Questions** pp. 14-21
- **Site Assessment for Gardeners Workbook** start reading pp. 1-56

Module 1- Site Assessment Part 1 (August 31-September 3)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design: Assessing Your Space** pp. 130-141
- **Assessment for Gardeners Workbook** continue reading pp. 1-56

Module 2- Site Assessment Part 2; Garden Styles (September 8-11)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design: Landscape Design Trends** pp. 22-129
 - These are a lot of pages, earmark on the styles that appeal to you or suit your home's architecture or setting
- **Site Assessment for Gardeners Workbook** continue with pp. 1-56.

Module 3- Design Principles I: Creating a Plan (September 21-25)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design:**
 - **First Principles**, pp. 142-179
 - **Creating a Plan**, pp. 180-197

Module 4- Design Principles II: Design Elements; Seasonal Interest; Plant Combinations (September 28-October 2)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design:**
 - **Color and Texture**, pp. 168-179
 - **Choosing Materials** pp. 223-241

Module 5 -Design III: Plant Selection; Your Garden in Plan & Elevation Views (October 5-9)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design:**
 - **Planning Your Planting** pp. 192-197
 - **Designing with Plants** pp.198-221
 - Review the **Plant Guide** beginning on pg. 288

Module 6 – Design IV: Plant Placement; Final Garden Design (October 12-16)

- **Encyclopedia of Landscape Design:**
 - **Landscaping a Yard** pp. 242-271
 - **Review Choosing Materials** pp. 223-241