

# Plan Ahead

## Make a Map

- Plot the house, driveway, sidewalks, patios, water (W) and electrical outlets. ⚡
- Add existing large trees, shrubs and planting beds.
- Note the direction the house is facing and light conditions through the day.

## Plan for Use

- Consider your outdoor activities and plan areas for outdoor use. Dining, play, gardening, relaxing.
- Consider privacy needs.

## Note:

- Water dependent plants should be located close to a water source (wet zones).
- Use drought tolerant plants in the dry zones.
- Deciduous trees cool a house in summer & warm it in winter.
- Driveways and patios can be replaced with permeable materials.
- Rain barrels collect rainwater & create additional water sources. (W)

