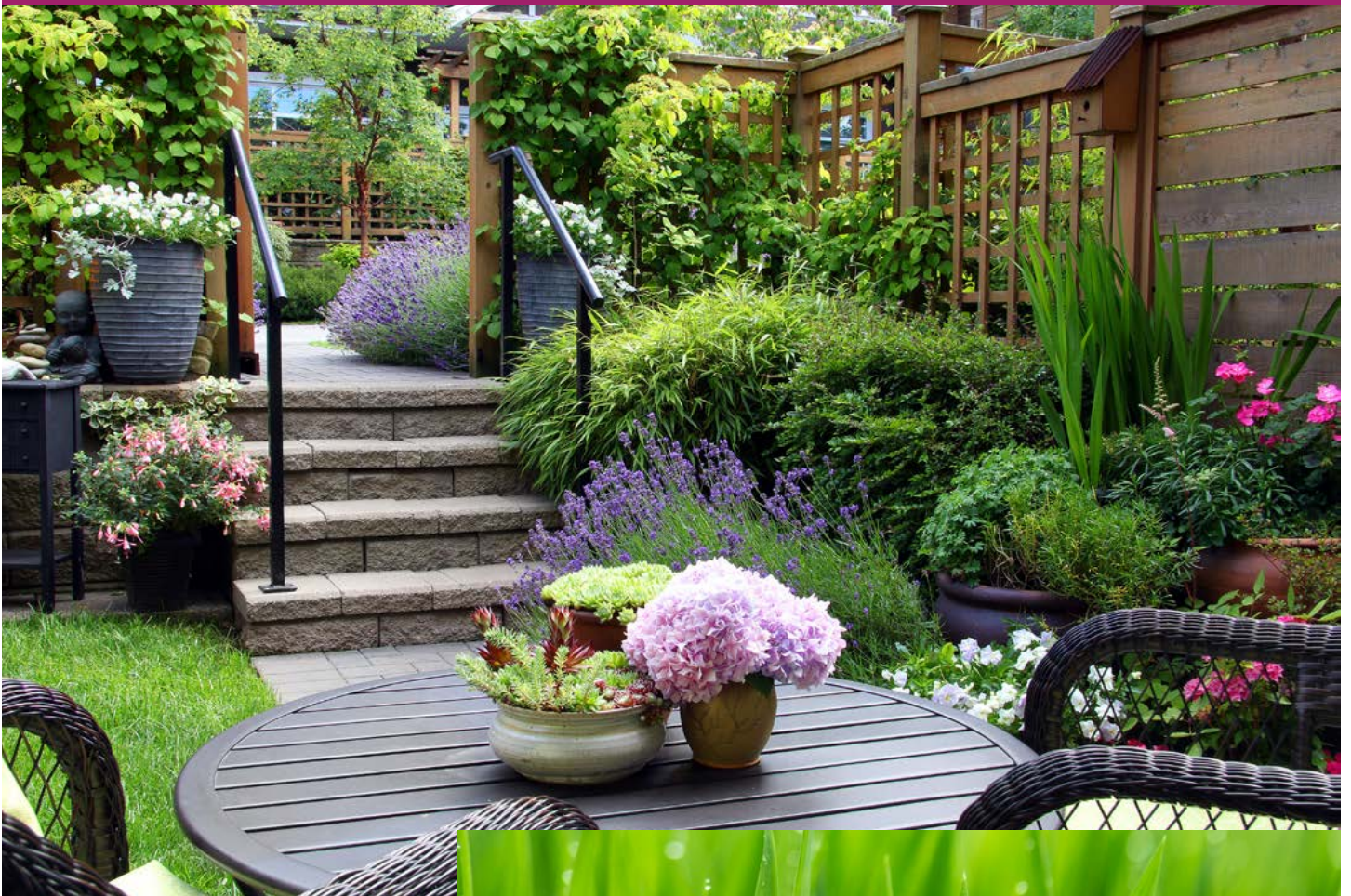


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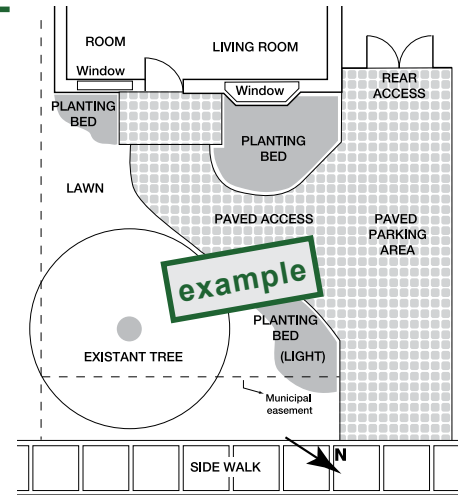


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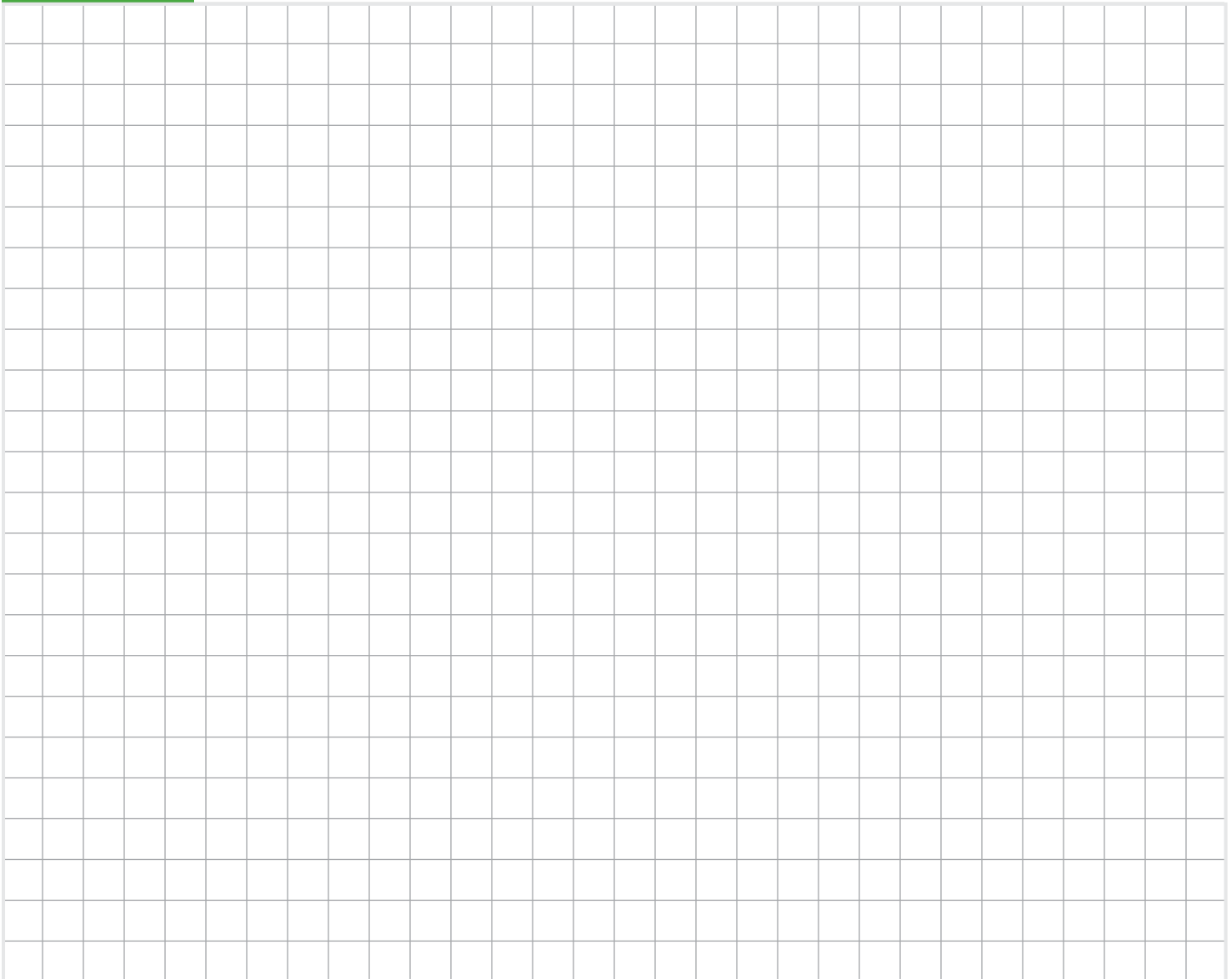
## Draw the front yard plan

- Using a survey of your property, determine the front yard space. Mark the north and indicate the prevailing wind direction.
- Show sunlight exposure for each area of the plan (play areas, shed). Reserve the sunlit areas for planting.
- Indicate easements (electricity, water mains, telephone).
- Position the house. Indicate doors and windows. Show parking spaces. Show accesses to the main entrance.
- Draw in all fixed elements making sure to respect the scale of measure being used (ex.: hedge or fence, lawn, tree, etc.)
- Draw the outlines of the planting beds.



Never forget: Correcting a landscaping error is easier on paper than in the yard.

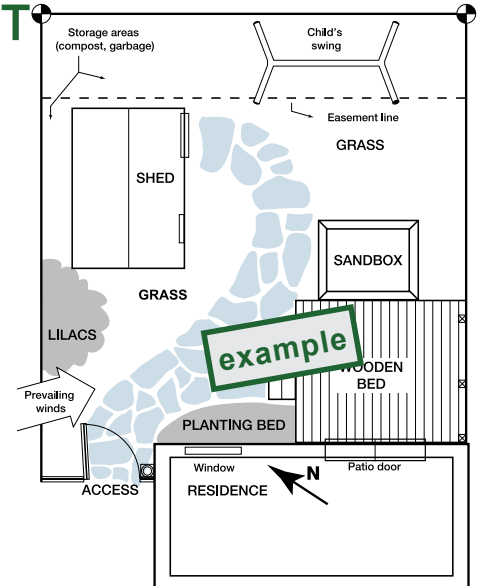
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## Draw the backyard plan

- Using a survey of your property, determine the backyard space. Mark the north and indicate the prevailing wind direction.
- Show sunlight exposure. Reserve the sunlit areas for planting and the pool, and shaded areas for the shed, the garbage storage box, etc.
- Indicate easements (electricity, water mains, telephone). Position the house. Indicate doors and windows. Determine and position accesses.
- Position the shed and all fixed structures (patio, lawn). Draw the limits of play areas, dining, etc.
- Position the pool (even if it isn't yet installed in the first year. A tree or shed shouldn't be placed in its future emplacement).
- Indicate desirable and undesirable lines of sight. Transpose all the remaining elements such as swings, birdhouses, etc.
- Indicate all grass areas. Draw the outlines of the planting beds.



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**A successful landscaping project takes place over a few years.**

- Divide the job into phases that will allow for changes throughout the project.
- Be aware of your financial capacities and the time you can afford to spend on the project.
- Establish a realistic schedule; this way, your landscaping won't become a chore in lieu of a source of pleasure.
- For big jobs like paving, electricity and irrigation, get professional help.
- All jobs that require heavy machinery should be done first (swimming pool, parking, main entrance, pond).



## SCHEDULE

		Date
Phase I	<b>Front yard</b>	
	1. Have the yard levelled to prevent water from flowing towards the house; make a 5% slope towards the street.	
	2. Have the parking area done.	
	3. Have the main entrance path done.	
	4. Install electricity for lighting and irrigation.	
	5. Prepare the ground, level with at least 2" of lawn soil.	
	6. Plant the large plants (trees) and hedges.	
	7. Plant grass, sod or seed.	
Phase III	8. The planting bed shapes are kept for the end, as well as the choice and planting of plants.	
	<b>Backyard</b>	
Phase II	9. Rough shaping of ground (first levelling to prevent water from flowing towards house).	
	10. Installation of the pool, the fence (inquire about municipal bylaws governing fence height).	
	11. Installing the shed (stay away from easements).	
	12. Constructing the lawn, the patio, the pavilion and the paths.	
	13. Installation of electricity and irrigation systems.	
Phase III	14. Add at least 2" of good quality soil to plant grass, sod or seed.	
	15. Plant hedges and trees.	
	16. The planting bed shapes are kept for the end, as well as the choice and planting of plants.	
<b>Phase I</b> Year 1: stages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		
<b>Phase III</b> Year 3: stages 8, 13, 14, 15, 16		
<b>Phase II</b> Year 2: stages 9, 10, 11, 12		