

# Oswego Design & Remodeling Lifestyle Questionnaire

## People

1. How many people will live full time in the home?  
Seniors\_\_\_\_\_ Adults\_\_\_\_\_ Teenagers\_\_\_\_\_ Children\_\_\_\_\_
2. Does anyone have special needs concerning mobility?\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many pets? What kind?\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have guests?  
Occasional\_\_\_ Frequent\_\_\_ Long Visits\_\_\_ Short Visits\_\_\_  
Mainly Relatives\_\_\_ Mainly Friends\_\_\_
5. Do you expect your household to change in the next five years? Ten years?  
Children added?\_\_\_\_\_ Grown Children Leaving?\_\_\_\_\_  
Older Relatives Moving In?\_\_\_ Other?\_\_\_\_\_

## Lifestyle

6. How do you like to live?  
Casually\_\_\_ Formally\_\_\_ Inexpensively\_\_\_ Moderately\_\_\_  
Luxuriously\_\_\_
7. How do you like to entertain?  
Casually: Never\_\_\_ Infrequently\_\_\_ Occasionally\_\_\_ Often\_\_\_  
Formally: Never\_\_\_ Infrequently\_\_\_ Occasionally\_\_\_ Often\_\_\_
8. Where do guests tend to congregate during parties?\_\_\_\_\_
9. What do you do for entertainment in the home?  
Talk: In Living Room\_\_\_ Family Room\_\_\_ Kitchen\_\_\_ Outdoors\_\_\_  
Read: In Solitude\_\_\_ Around Others\_\_\_ Aloud\_\_\_ Where?\_\_\_\_\_
- Watch TV: In Living Room\_\_\_ Family Room\_\_\_ Bedrooms\_\_\_  
Kitchen\_\_\_ How many TV's will you have?\_\_\_\_\_ Should TV be  
segregated from other activities?\_\_\_\_\_
- Listen to Music: Radio\_\_\_ Where?\_\_\_\_\_ Stereo\_\_\_ Where?\_\_\_\_\_  
Is placement of components for good listening important?\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you need storage space for media (cd's, tapes, etc)?\_\_\_\_\_
- Play Music: Piano:\_\_\_\_\_ Portable Instruments:\_\_\_\_\_ Drums:\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you need amplification equipment or special space?\_\_\_\_\_
- Will you be playing for practice or just entertainment?\_\_\_\_\_
- Games & Active Play: Board Games\_\_\_ Video Games\_\_\_ Sports\_\_\_
- Do you need a permanent game table?\_\_\_ Space for portable table?\_\_\_
- Do you need space for active indoor play?

- Pool Table\_\_\_\_ Dancing Space\_\_\_\_ Ping-Pong\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_  
 Do you need space for outdoor sports?  
 Court Space\_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you need space for children's play?  
 Indoors\_\_\_\_\_ Outdoors\_\_\_\_\_
10. How important is the telephone? Very\_\_\_\_ Somewhat\_\_\_\_ Not at all\_\_\_\_  
 Which rooms will you want a telephone in?\_\_\_\_\_
11. How many computers will you have?\_\_\_\_\_  
 Where will you use the computers?\_\_\_\_\_  
 Laptops or desktops?\_\_\_\_\_  
 Do they need internet connectivity? DSL\_\_\_\_ Cable\_\_\_\_ Dialup\_\_\_\_
12. Does anyone work from home? Desk work\_\_\_\_\_ Other work\_\_\_\_\_  
 Any special work storage needs?\_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you have any special collections to be accommodated or displayed?  
 Please describe:\_\_\_\_\_
14. What kind of hobbies does your family have?  
 Large-scale\_\_\_\_\_  
 Small-scale\_\_\_\_\_  
 Any special storage/work space needs?\_\_\_\_\_

### Kitchen/Eating Habits

15. What are your eating habits?  
Place for meals: (percentage of the time)  
 Living Room\_\_\_\_ Family Room\_\_\_\_ Dining Room\_\_\_\_ Kitchen\_\_\_\_  
 Outdoor Areas\_\_\_\_ Restaurants\_\_\_\_ Other Spaces?\_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you prefer to eat at tables or counters, etc?\_\_\_\_\_
- Types of meals: (percentage of the time)  
 On The Run\_\_\_\_ Standing\_\_\_\_ Buffet\_\_\_\_ Casual Sit-Down\_\_\_\_  
 Formal Sit-Down\_\_\_\_ Pot-Luck\_\_\_\_
- Does everyone eat together?\_\_\_\_\_  
 How often and where do you snack?\_\_\_\_\_
16. What kind of cooking facilities do you need?  
 Very Simple\_\_\_\_ Average\_\_\_\_ Elaborate/Professional\_\_\_\_ BBQ\_\_\_\_  
 Should your kitchen be:  
 A Separate Room\_\_\_\_\_ Flowing Visually to Living Area\_\_\_\_\_  
 Does one person do cooking, or do you cook together?\_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have a large library of cookbooks? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have specialties (like baking) needing special considerations? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What other activities will take place in the kitchen?  
 Homework\_\_\_ Watching TV\_\_\_ Paying Bills\_\_\_ Sewing\_\_\_  
 Laundry\_\_\_ Computer Center\_\_\_ Correspondence\_\_\_
18. How do you shop for groceries?  
 For each meal/daily\_\_\_ Weekly\_\_\_ Buy non-perishables in bulk\_\_\_  
 Buy bulk and freeze\_\_\_ At farmers markets\_\_\_
19. If you buy in bulk, do you need storage in the kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_
20. How tall is the primary cook? \_\_\_\_\_ Any limitations? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Do you recycle?\_\_\_ Do you need a recycling center in the kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, how many different sorting bins will you require? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Storage Requirements, do you need to store:  
 Tall items like wine glasses and vases? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flat items like cookie sheets and trays? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heavy appliances like a mixer? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other oddly shaped items? \_\_\_\_\_

### Style/Tastes

#### Proxemics – Response to Space & People

23. How do you respond to space?  
 Do you need space to be spread out? Physically\_\_\_ Visually\_\_\_  
 In which areas of the home? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you like to feel enclosed/protected? Physical\_\_\_ Visual\_\_\_  
 In which areas of the home? \_\_\_\_\_
24. How do you respond to people?  
 Do you like physical contact, even if only casually? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you prefer visual contact over physical? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have varying needs according to mood or work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, what determines? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you like to be alone? Most of the time\_\_\_ Often\_\_\_  
 Sometimes\_\_\_ Never/Hate it\_\_\_  
 Do you like to be in a group? Most of the time\_\_\_ Often\_\_\_  
 Sometimes\_\_\_ Never/Hate it\_\_\_  
 Is most of your day spent: Outside of home\_\_\_ In noisy group  
 Situations\_\_\_ In quiet groups\_\_\_ With kids\_\_\_  
 At home, mostly alone \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you need your home to be:

A quiet haven away from it all\_\_\_\_\_

A gathering space all our family and friends will love to visit\_\_\_\_\_

Other feelings you'd like to evoke in yourself and others:\_\_\_\_\_

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### Light & Color

Natural Light:

26. Do you seek sun?\_\_\_ or shade?\_\_\_ Does sunlight make you feel energetic?\_\_\_ Do you have eye problems with too much light?\_\_\_\_\_

Artificial Light:

27. Do you prefer: Indirect lighting\_\_\_ Dramatic lighting\_\_\_  
Do you need special task lighting?\_\_\_\_\_

Color:

28. How do you respond to color?

Slightly\_\_\_\_\_ Moderately\_\_\_\_\_ Strongly\_\_\_\_\_

29. Do colors effect and/or express your mood?\_\_\_\_\_

30. Do you like a lot of color?\_\_\_\_\_ Or restraint?\_\_\_\_\_

31. Do you like colors that are:

Bright\_\_\_ Clear\_\_\_ Dominant\_\_\_ Clashing\_\_\_ Deep\_\_\_

Rich\_\_\_ Intense\_\_\_ Positive\_\_\_ Exuberant\_\_\_ Dark\_\_\_

Glowing\_\_\_ Mellow\_\_\_ Delicate\_\_\_ Light\_\_\_ Soft\_\_\_

Subdued\_\_\_ Cool\_\_\_ Variegated\_\_\_ Contrasting\_\_\_

Warm\_\_\_ Raw\_\_\_ Monochromatic\_\_\_ Neutral\_\_\_

### Taste & Personality

32. Are your clothes: Tailored\_\_\_ Trim\_\_\_ Neat\_\_\_ Casual\_\_\_  
Thrown together\_\_\_ Comfortable above all\_\_\_ Flowing\_\_\_  
Relaxed\_\_\_ Conservative\_\_\_ Wild\_\_\_

33. Do you like to keep up with the latest styles?\_\_\_\_\_

34. Do you stay with a style that suits you?\_\_\_\_\_

35. Do you consider your personality: Forceful\_\_\_ Shy\_\_\_ Quiet\_\_\_  
Boisterous\_\_\_ Romantic\_\_\_ Sensible\_\_\_ Worldly\_\_\_

36. What does a home mean to you? Check each value you'd like  
your house to express or foster:

Prestige\_\_\_ Aesthetics\_\_\_ Conformity\_\_\_ Non-conformity\_\_\_

Security\_\_\_ Independence\_\_\_ Comfort\_\_\_ Nature\_\_\_ Privacy\_\_\_

Sociability\_\_\_ Leisure\_\_\_ Achievement\_\_\_ Family ties\_\_\_

Economy\_\_\_ Serenity\_\_\_ Convenience\_\_\_ Eccentricity\_\_\_

Sensibility\_\_\_ In Vogue\_\_\_ Community\_\_\_

37. What do you want for your home?  
Already know what I want \_\_\_\_\_  
Have seen exactly what I want \_\_\_\_\_  
Want to explore possibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
Would like suggestions \_\_\_\_\_  
Like tried & true solutions \_\_\_\_\_  
Like to experiment \_\_\_\_\_

### Style

38. Does the architecture of your house follow a certain style? \_\_\_\_\_  
39. Do you want the interior to follow the same style? \_\_\_\_\_  
40. Must everything conform to the same style? \_\_\_\_\_  
41. Do you want to evolve your own style to express your life? \_\_\_\_\_

### Aging in Place

42. Do you plan to spend the rest of your life in your current home? \_\_\_\_\_  
43. Do you want to consider implementing some features now that will allow you to do so? \_\_\_\_\_  
44. Please check the features of universal design you'd like to consider:  
Widen doorways \_\_\_ Increased lighting \_\_\_ Light switches \_\_\_  
Handles on doors and plumbing fixtures \_\_\_\_\_ Flooring \_\_\_\_\_  
Temp-controlled plumbing \_\_\_ Grab bars \_\_\_ Counter height \_\_\_  
Cabinets easier to use \_\_\_\_\_ Electronic Safety features \_\_\_\_\_  
Showers able to roll into \_\_\_\_\_ Wider corridors/hallways \_\_\_\_\_  
At least one entryway without steps? \_\_\_\_\_