

## **TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT & LIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE for: \_\_\_\_\_**

*We use three questionnaires to help us plan our projects: a Design questionnaire, an Interiors questionnaire and this Technology questionnaire. Please fill it out as completely as you can. Technology is a part of our everyday lives – from speed dialing a phone number to that blinking VCR clock! Houses continue to get more technologically sophisticated (for instance there are house-wide controls for audio, smart lighting remotes, electronic brains in a variety of appliances, etc.). During the design phase, it's important to consider the technological aspects so that your home will feel and function the way you want. We tend toward the simple and basic; you may have other intentions.*

*Thanks – Tim Mathiesen*

### **GENERALLY SPEAKING**

**What is your overall feeling toward communications, entertainment and lighting in your home? (ie: keep it simple, advanced electronics and toys are fun, I need technology for my work, etc.)**

**In terms of technology, describe what you particularly like and/or dislike in your present home, other places you've lived, or a friend's house you spend time in? (ie: the living room lighting is warm and welcoming, not enough outlets, too many phones, can't figure out the stereo remote, big screen TV is great, this room is too dark...)**

**How might your new home be similar or different?**

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Most of the island still operates in the late twentieth century when it comes to communicating. For instance, high-speed internet connections are not widely available, nor affordable. As this changes, we'll try to let you know.*

**Can you describe your current voice and data needs?**

**(ie: One line, or five? A handset in every room? Multiple fax & computers? Do you have any specific needs in any room?)**

**What are your anticipated future needs?**

**Internet requirements?**

## ENTERTAINMENT

*The sky's the limit so we'll need guidance. Audio / video systems vary from excellent sounding boom boxes to complete house-wide, remote-controlled, surround-sound installations. Perhaps you have a TV and stereo to put in the house & just need an antenna to hook up to. Or you may want a complete "entertainment center" built in to a room.*

**Is listening to music a primary group activity or something in the background?**

**Do you want speakers in several locations or just the Living Room? Where else? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What specific audio equipment would you like to install? Will you need a turntable to play vintage LPs? Or just a CD player? Cassette deck too?**

**Is viewing TV or video a common activity or only occasional?**

**Do you need TVs in more than one place? Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want the primary TV to be out of the main gathering space?**

*TV signals can be received on the island via regular broadcast antenna, cable or satellite dish. Antennas have limited capabilities and cable is not available for use everywhere on the island.*

**Do you prefer: Antenna \_\_\_ Cable \_\_\_ Dish \_\_\_ Nothing \_\_\_ Wiring Only \_\_\_**

**Do you already own audio or video equipment that you'd like to bring here and install?**

**Would you like us to work with your expressed preferences to design, purchase and install the systems or will you want to?**

**Video / TV - us \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_**

**Audio - us \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_**

## MAJOR APPLIANCES

Any specific preferred appliances, or brands you'd like to mention?

Style? "Professional" \_\_\_ basic \_\_\_ full-featured \_\_\_ decorative \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

Finish / Color? (ie: Stainless steel, all white, all black, avocado, etc?) \_\_\_\_\_

Is energy efficiency a priority? \_\_\_\_\_

Is quiet a priority? \_\_\_\_\_

*From the choices below, please check those that appeal most.*

### Food storage:

Side by side \_\_\_ Separate units \_\_\_ Freezer over \_\_\_ Freezer under \_\_\_

Icemaker \_\_\_ Thru-door ice \_\_\_ Thru-door water \_\_\_

Any specific models? \_\_\_\_\_

### Cooking:

Propane gas \_\_\_ Electric \_\_\_

All-in-one range \_\_\_ Separate cooktop \_\_\_ w/ single oven \_\_\_ or double ovens \_\_\_

Convection baking \_\_\_ Microwave \_\_\_ Indoor grilling \_\_\_

Vent hood \_\_\_ Downdraft vent \_\_\_

Any specific models? \_\_\_\_\_ Size? \_\_\_

### Cleaning:

One dishwasher \_\_\_ or two \_\_\_

Washer / dryer: separate \_\_\_ or stack \_\_\_

Any specific models? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any specialty appliances to include?:

Outdoor grilling \_\_\_

Wine storage \_\_\_

Central vacuum \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes regarding appliances?

## **LIGHTING**

*Our intention is to match the quality of the natural light in the house with the artificial light. This is a subtle, difficult, and always-evolving task. The issues are: where to place light, what type to use, and how to control it.*

**Is there an overall lighting mood or feeling you want to set? Are there particular rooms that should have a specific lighting mood?**

**Do you prefer a particular lighting fixture style? (ie: Arts & Crafts, neo-classic, retro, contemporary, industrial, etc.)**

**Generally, do you prefer the Living Room or Bedrooms (considered non task oriented spaces) to get basic lighting from overhead or from wall sconces, table and floor lamps? Or do you like a combination? We tend to minimize overhead lighting in bedrooms; does this make sense to you?**

**Does your favorite place to read have specific lighting that you like? Can you describe it?**

**What about your favorite place to entertain?**

**Do you have, do you like or dislike, and can you say why ...?**

**Pendant lights? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Recessed downlights? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Wall sconces? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Up-lighting? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Track lights? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cable lighting? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Candles? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you seen any of the South Mountain Co. custom wood lights? Would you like us to include some in our design? If so, where?**

**In which rooms do you envision displaying artwork (currently owned or new purchases)?**

**Are there any other specific lighting or electrical needs you can think of?**

## **PLUMBING**

*In bathrooms, we tend toward well-built fixtures with simple classic lines (an arched faucet with porcelain handles on a white pedestal sink is a typical recommendation we make), but we need to know if you have specific desires or past experience.*

**Any general preferences to consider?**

**Style:** Basic clean lines \_\_\_ Neo-classic \_\_\_ Contemporary \_\_\_ Decorative \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

**Brand preference?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Finish / Color?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faucet shape:** Arched \_\_\_ Curved \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

**Handle shape:** Cross \_\_\_ Lever \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

**Handle material:** Metal \_\_\_ Porcelain \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

**Any special fixtures that you wish to include?**

**Whirlpool tub** \_\_\_

**Handheld / adjustable showerhead** \_\_\_

**Steam unit** \_\_\_

**Hot tub** \_\_\_

**Bidet** \_\_\_

**Any specific models?** \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Kitchen sink:**

**One sink or two?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single, double, or triple bowl?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Should it be Porcelain?** \_\_\_ **Stainless?** \_\_\_

or perhaps cast of the same material as the counter (slate, Corian, concrete, etc.)?

**Should we include a sprayer?** \_\_\_ **an InstaHot?** \_\_\_

**Any specific models?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional notes regarding plumbing?**