673 Edible Landscapes
Interview Questions

Use two or three of these or similar standard questions *as part* of the interview judging process.

1. Why is it important to wash your produce before eating it?

    Because it could carry insects, dirt, or debris. (page 9)

2. Name two things you found above, on, or below your yard when you completed your site evaluation.

    Answers will vary but might include overhead wires, gar meter, utilities box, drains, puddles, shade, hill, trees, septic system, dog runs, sidewalk, or a shed. (page 11)

3. What are the four elements of soil?

    45% mineral, 25% air, 25% water, and 5% organic matter. (page 17)

4. What does hardiness mean?

    The ability of a plant to survive the average low temperature of a region. (pages 20 and 43)

5. What should you look for when buying a plant?

    No visible signs of insects or disease, green leaves, straight stems, healthy root system. (page 23)

6. Before you can plant most plants outside, you need to wait until the frost-free date. What is that date in Ohio?

    May 15. (page 30)

7. Why do container gardens need to be fertilized often?

    Because the soilless mixes they grow in do not have many nutrients. Also, these nutrients are removed with each watering. (page 34)

8. Describe a problem you had with your new plants and if you were able to solve it.

    Answers will vary.

9. Name one Integrative Pest Management guideline.

    Answers will vary but might include 1) selecting plants that are resistant to disease and insects, 2) installing plants in the proper location, 3) checking for pests often, 4) determining the best strategy when a pest problem occurs, 5) picking harmful insects from plants by hand, 6) encouraging beneficial insects, 7) accepting some produce damage, and 8) using chemical controls as a last resort. (page 37)

10. How did you determine when a fruit or vegetable should be harvested?

    Answers will vary but might include checking the seed packet or searching online for pictures of ripe fruits or vegetables. (page 41)