



Tip No. 9 – Garden Levels

1. Take a good look at your garden. Is it a flat site, a sloping site or a very dramatic site with changes in levels?
2. What would make your garden more practical or interesting?
3. Do you need to dig down or build up?
4. How much waste would that create? Is that something you might be able to do yourself or would you need to get in a professional?
5. What might you need to do to support the area you are digging out? What type of retaining walls might you need? How severe is the slope you are creating?
6. Do you need to build in ramps or slopes to make access easier?
7. If your garden is flat what about adding in some interest by digging down? How about creating a sunken patio or a pool on a different level. Would creating a lower sheltered area provide a micro climate for planting more tender plants?
8. How much might these changes cost?
9. What type of materials might you need to source? Paving, walling, steps, etc.
10. What is the effect you are trying to create? What is the feel you are after? Is it worth the cost?

If you need some encouragement or help answering these questions then do contact me Pamela.rawlins@sweetpgardendesign.co.uk