YOUR PERSONAL HOME PLAN / AN EASIER GARDEN

More time to enjoy your garden.

An illustrative brief showing how a plan could be organised. This is not a customer project.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE - NOT CUSTOMER ADVICE

What you would like to make easier

Make watering a small courtyard garden less of a daily task, while keeping familiar controls and time to enjoy the space.

Home	House with a small courtyard garden
Your connection	Owner-occupier
Budget preference	Up to £300 to explore; not a quote
Preferred controls	Simple physical controls, with an app only if it adds something useful

What is already in place

Illustrative assumption: one outdoor tap, a hose and a mixture of pots and planted beds. Pressure, flow and layout have not been assessed.

Preferences and constraints

Keep the tap easy to reach. Avoid unnecessary subscriptions. The resident wants to keep some hands-on gardening and be able to stop watering easily.

01 / YOUR OPTIONS

A considered way forward.

Recommended starting point

Explore a small, manually controlled watering trial for the pots first. Keep the rest of the courtyard familiar while you find out which tasks would benefit from a timer.

Why it fits your brief

The fictional brief prioritises less daily effort, a reachable tap and some hands-on gardening. Starting with one area limits the decisions and makes it easier to judge whether the change is useful.

First option: improve the existing routine

Compare moving pots into a convenient group and improving hose storage. This may be enough if carrying and reaching are the awkward parts. Agree any change in layout with the resident.

Later option: connected irrigation

Revisit app control only if remote adjustment becomes a clear requirement. There is no such requirement in this brief, so account setup and connected features are not part of the starting proposal.

Equipment allowance

Not yet priced. Obtain an itemised equipment quote after the practical checks; no product or model has been selected.

Installation allowance

Not yet priced. Ask whether setup, connections and a controls demonstration are included. Confirm permission for any changes.

Ongoing costs

Check consumables, batteries where relevant, maintenance and water use. No saving is promised and no subscription is assumed.

The fictional brief gives a total exploration budget of up to £300. This is a customer preference, not a market estimate or a quote. If the complete proposal exceeds it, revisit scope before spending.

02 / BEFORE ANY PURCHASE

The checks that make a plan useful.

Ask an installer to confirm the water setup

Confirm suitability, pressure, flow, local water restrictions and necessary backflow protection before choosing equipment. This example is not a plumbing design.

Walk through the controls with the resident

Check that the tap, stop control and any timer are easy to understand and reach. Agree how to stop the trial and return to the familiar watering routine.

Keep lighting as a separate decision

The current priority is watering. Discuss evening lighting later if wanted; any outdoor electrical installation needs appropriate equipment and a qualified installer.

Assumptions and open questions

The owner can authorise changes to this private courtyard; ownership and any shared water supply have not been checked.

Plant needs, tap access, water pressure and flow are unknown. The suggested trial is conditional on checking them.

Privacy and permissions

This starting proposal does not need monitoring of household activity or a shared family account. Any later connected option should specify account ownership, access and what information it collects.

Familiar controls and fallback

Keep a reachable manual shut-off and an understandable way to return to the previous routine. Confirm the chosen equipment's behaviour during battery, power or connection failure before purchase.

03 / YOUR NEXT STEPS

One useful change at a time.

1. Map the task

Mark the pots to include, the route to the tap and the tasks the resident wants to keep doing. Record what is awkward before changing it.

2. Get a complete price and suitability check

Ask for an itemised quote covering all equipment, installation and upkeep. Do not purchase until the water checks and controls are agreed.

3. Try one area and review it

Have an agreed person check the trial for leaks, plant condition and ease of use. Keep a short note of what became easier before deciding whether to extend it.

When to revisit the plan

Revisit the trial if plants struggle, leaks appear, controls feel awkward or the resident's preferences change. Agree seasonal adjustments with someone who can check the garden.

Evidence and limits

Illustrative editorial content based only on the fictional brief. No visit, model-specific manufacturer check, professional assessment or independent adviser review has taken place. The open checks must be resolved for an actual customer.

Review and responsibility

No human adviser has signed off this example. Before customer delivery, a named reviewer must check the brief, scope, assumptions and practical limitations.

One home, one priority, general planning guidance. No site survey, verified product compatibility, electrical or plumbing design, clinical advice, installation or emergency monitoring is included.

This is a format demonstration or an unapproved draft. The proposed paid service is not yet on sale.