

# Edible Backyards Series - Module 1

## Mapping Worksheet

### Making a Base Map

If you have a plat map of your property or maps from the architect or builder, this would be a good starting point for developing a base map. If you have neither of those options, you can make a rough base map by doing the following:

- Go to [googlemaps.com](http://googlemaps.com) or Google Earth
- Enter in your address
- Make sure you are looking at a satellite image of your property, if you are not, then click on the satellite image option
- Line up your property nicely on your screen and take a partial screen shot of your property.

If you have a Mac, hold down “Command” and “Shift” and press “4”. Use your mouse to draw a rectangle around your property. Your Mac then saves it as a file on the desktop. The file name will look like “Screen shot 2016-04-25 at 08.35.00AM.png”.

If you have a PC, refer to this website: <http://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-take-a-screenshot-on-pc/> to take screenshot.

- Insert that screenshot into a Word document (or some other comparable software) and print it out on an 11” x 17” sheet of paper.
- Place a sheet of tracing paper overtop of the satellite image that you have printed out. If you have difficulty seeing the satellite image clearly once there is tracing paper overtop of it, tape it against a window (as depicted in Video 4 of Module 1) and with markers, outline the following features of your site:
  - ✓ Property lines and fences
  - ✓ Critical site features like the house, sheds and other buildings
  - ✓ Walkways and driveways
  - ✓ Existing trees and garden beds
  - ✓ Clotheslines
  - ✓ Well, septic tank and leach field (if applicable)
  - ✓ Irrigation lines
  - ✓ Gas and electric lines
  - ✓ Dog run
- Once all the features are drawn, replace the satellite image with a white piece of paper so the features stand out more. Make copies of this map. You now have a base map that you can use for your property.