

City of Cocoa Beach Landscape Awards Criteria

PURPOSE: In order to foster a positive City image, the Landscape Committee will recognize single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, and commercial buildings quarterly for their efforts to maintain and improve their landscape.

JUDGES: To be determined, but the following are some suggestions:

- Members of the Garden Club
- Divide the City in sections and have someone from each area submit nominations
- Landscape Committee members and someone from Public Works
- Nominations accepted from City in general (possibly have entry blanks on City website)

AWARDS: One award sign will be placed in each of a single-family dwelling, a multi-family dwelling and a commercial building for the quarter. A picture of the winners will be posted on the City's website and receive a certificate signed by the Mayor and Chair of the Landscape Committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A.

1. Tasteful, creative landscaping
2. Good use of seasonal color
3. Consistent maintenance
4. Overall appearance

B.

1. Lawn
 - Healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds.
 - Grass shall be mowed and edged, and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed.
 - Debris (garbage, pet feces, etc.) shall be picked up
2. Landscape/Flower Beds
 - Beds weeded and edged.
 - Flowers deadheaded and dead plants removed
 - Trees and shrubs pruned
3. Sidewalks/Driveways
 - Sidewalks and driveways shall be neat
 - Area in front of curb, free from debris and dirt
4. Aesthetics
 - Overall look of landscaping
 - Inviting look of front entryway (hanging baskets, pots, cleanliness, etc.)

C.

1. Yard Maintenance
 - Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
 - Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
 - Healthy plants
 - Minimum weeds in flowerbeds
 - Driveway free of oil and other stains
2. Design and Landscaping
 - Use of color and/or texture
 - Creative, unique curb appeal
 - Overall aesthetics appeal, an inspiration to the neighborhood
 - Balance appropriate to house and lot size

One single-family residence, one multi-family residence and one commercial building picked quarterly.

Since many homes are on the water, back and front yards are judged.

All plantings must be living, no plastic, silk, or artificial plants.