

Beautification Awards Rules and Criteria

Rules

Properties may be entered by the owner/resident or nominated by a third party. Properties may only compete in one category per year. All owners/residents will be contacted prior to judging to confirm that they would like to participate in the Beautification Awards. By participating in the Beautification Awards, you agree to allow the judges to visit your property and photograph it for the purposes of promoting the Beautification Awards. You also agree that if you win a Beautification Award, your name and address may be released to the public for the purpose of publicly recognizing the winners. The owners/residents of winning properties will be contacted after judging is complete and invited to the awards presentation, which will occur during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Properties may only win a Beautification Award once every five years.

Criteria

Award winners are selected based on the following criteria:

- **Free from pests and diseases**
- **Free from weeds and litter**
- **Effective use of trees and shrubs** - Trees and/or shrubs are well maintained and used effectively to define space or shade homes/patios. (*Will not be considered for properties with no yard space.*)
- **Site challenges** - Wind and sun exposure will be accounted for, with more challenging properties scoring higher.
- **Difficulty of species** – More difficult species will result in a higher rating.
- **Variety of species** – A variety of species will rate higher than a monoculture.
- **Use of colour** – Colour highlights areas and the palette is pleasing.
- **Use of texture and form** – Plants with a variety of shapes and leaf or flower sizes are grouped to create pleasing contrast.
- **Hardscaping and incorporation of decorations** – Elements such as walkways, furniture, statues, and pots are incorporated in a pleasing way.
- **Ability to show well in all seasons**
- **Overall design and creativity**
- **Front yard only** – only the portion of the yard visible from the street will be evaluated.

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The four Beautification Awards categories are described below. All properties must be within City limits.

Best Residential Property Sunningdale/VLA/West Park/Iron Bridge

Open to residential properties in the neighbourhoods of Sunningdale, VLA, West Park and Iron Bridge.

Best Residential Property Northwest

Open to residential properties in the area from Laurier Street to Manitoba Street West and Main Street North to Thatcher Drive West.

Best Residential Property East End

Open to residential properties in the area from Main Street N to the eastern boundary of Moose Jaw and north of Manitoba Street East.

Best Residential Property South Hill

Open to residential properties located south of Manitoba Street.