

Yards Are Really Distinctive Showplaces

A beautiful yard combines elements of aesthetic appeal with application of good gardening practices. A beautiful yard not only makes your home and neighborhood look better, but it also makes our city environment healthier and more beautiful.

Hallmarks of a YARDS Winner

1. Landscape plan and work primarily completed by resident.
2. Landscape has curb appeal.
3. Native plants are emphasized in the yard.
4. Plants around the buildings are properly placed for appearance, plant health, and safety.
5. The landscape is planned for low maintenance requirements.
6. Residents practice energy conservation in their landscape and maintenance.
7. Residents practice water conservation in their landscape and maintenance.
8. Residents practice resource conservation in their landscape and maintenance.
9. Residents use best horticultural practices in their landscape and maintenance.
10. Residents have unique and special features that add personality to their yard and set it apart from others.

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Contest Rules

The Yards Are Really Distinctive Showplaces contest is designed to promote community awareness of the importance of environmentally friendly yards.

The contest runs annually from May to September and is open to Hampton residents who take pride in maintaining their lawns and gardens.

Nominations begin in April. Each month, the top yard will be selected by Beautification Committee volunteers with the winner receiving gift certificates from contributing sponsors and a congratulatory YARDS display sign. Honorable mention yards may be selected.

All nominees receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation. In the fall, all monthly winners will be considered for the "Yard of the Year" Award and the "Yard of the Year" winner receives a special award.

Nominees will be judged on a variety of components, including aesthetics and environmentally sound landscape practices.

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Nominate your favorite yard at:

<http://bit.ly/YARDSNomination> or call 727-1130 or email hccc@hampton.gov