

JUDGING CRITERIA

Maintenance Category

Residential / Commercial

Maintenance - Residential

Under \$5,000

Over \$5,000

Maintenance – Commercial

Under \$10,000

Over \$10,000

Total 100 points

Total Category Value - 20 points

Overall Impression / General Appearance (Hardscape and softscape with emphasis on softscape)

Total Category Value 25 - points

Turf and / or Herbaceous (Groundcover areas – if it replaces turf area)

Value 10 points – Overall Impression

Value 5 points – Free of weeds / low or acceptable weeds pressure in lieu of pesticide bans

Value 5 points – Mowing trimming and edging or turf

Value 5 points – Uniform Colour

Total Category Value - 40 points

Softscapes

Value 15 points – Overall Impressions / Appearance of Maintenance

Value 10 points – Healthy pest and disease free plant material

Value 10 points - Weed free / low pressure in display areas

Value 5 points – Use of organic or inorganic mulch in display areas (ie. Wood mulches or aggregate mulches)

Total Category Value – 15 points

Hardscapes

Value 10 points – Overall Impression

Value 5 points – Maintenance of hardscape materials / features, free of debris / litter and weeds

FOOTNOTE:

The following definitions apply to the terms above, with the exception of aggregate mulches, where it is included for ease of evaluation within the softscaping category.

Hardscape: Is the inanimate element of design, construction and installation of any landscape project that includes a diversity of materials and respective technical requirements. It may include brick, stone, rock, wood, metal, and/or other natural (landscape construction aggregates) or fabricated materials used in landscape structures, furnishings, or features and

includes, but is not limited to: walls, walkways, driveways, curbs, patios, living walls and green roof systems, pools, ponds, water features (waterfalls or fountains), fences, decks, structures or features (edging, plant supports, arbors, gazebos or other like décor features), drainage systems, landscape lighting and irrigation. (Also known as hardscapes, hardscaping, hard landscape and/or hard landscaping).

Softscape: Is the living plant and non-living elements of design, installation and maintenance of any landscape project. The living plant element includes vegetation such as: turfgrass, trees, shrubs, vines, woody tropical plants and/or herbaceous plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, vegetables, tropical or aquatic plants). The non-living element includes: soil, growing media, soil amendments (compost, fertilizer or soil additives) and/or mulch (wood, shredded aquatic plants). The non-living element includes: soil, growing media, soil amendments (compost, fertilizer or soil additives) and/or mulch (wood, shredded bark and or decorative stone). (Also known as softscapes or softscaping).