

GROW FOR IT! Garden Contest Garden Judging Guide

Design		25 points
creativity and originality of design		
balance, scale and style of garden buildings		
use of space - placement of planting areas, structures, features and design of traffic flow		
successful solution of site problems		
use of colour and texture		
Selection, Arrangement and Use of Plant Material		25 points
diversity, suitability and sustainability		
arrangement of plants		
use of plant material that encourages beneficial insects, butterflies, birds, toads etc.		
use of colour and texture at time of judging		
year-round appeal as a result of plant material selected		
consideration given for the use of native species		
Condition and Maintenance		15 points
overall cleanliness, tidiness and good state of repair of property including hedges, flowerbeds, borders with respect to proper pruning, edging of beds, weed control, disease and insect damage and overall plant health and vigor		
lawn and/or ground covers - healthy, dense growth, well maintained		
Hard Landscaping and Features		10 points
condition of driveway, walkways, patios and other hard surfaces		
appropriate use of stone, rock, walls, fencing, statuary, garden art, containers, water features, furniture, birdhouses etc.		
Environmental Practices		10 points
use of good environmental practices e.g. mulches, compost etc.		
evidence of environmental water management (rain barrels, permeable surfaces, rain gardens, green roofs etc.)		
use of beneficial and native species		
Community Contribution		10 points
how the property contributes to the beautification of the neighbourhood as viewed from the street and the environmental health of the community		
Distinction		5 points
impact and special overall appeal - the wow factor		