

Owl Creek Yard of the Month Program

Guidelines:

All current Owl Creek homeowner's are automatically eligible. Monthly Award winners are selected by the Yard of the Month (YOM) Committee; based on the criteria below:

A manicured yard that portrays beauty, originality, and creativity.

Upkeep of the yard whether the efforts are by the homeowner themselves, or that of a professional landscaper.

The same property cannot receive the award more than twice within two years.

Winners must be current with their Association dues and not be in violation of any HOA Deed Restriction.

In the event that a homeowner does not wish to participate, they must contact the Lodge office. The YOM committee will then select another winner for that month. The YOM Committee is responsible for delivering and picking up the flag each month from the homeowner.

Judging Criteria

The Owl Creek Yard of the Month Committee will judge homes solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front/side yards as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount. Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness, and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed, and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flowerbeds, and a visually appealing facade.

Lawn: Healthy grass with no large bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed, edged and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed. Debris (garbage, pet feces, etc.) shall be picked up and removed. The lawn should have a unified, simple and balanced landscape design. It should be neat and natural.

Landscape and Flower Beds: Beds weeded and edged. Flowers deadheaded and dead plants removed. Trees and shrubs pruned. Natural areas cleaned. Plantings should be in scale with the surroundings.

Walkways and Driveways: Walkways and Driveways shall be clean, including trash containers removed from view. In addition, the area in front of the curb should be free from debris and dirt.

Aesthetics: The overall look of landscaping color and textures should be in harmony with the community. The front entryway should be clean and show the homeowners creativity with special touches such as seasonal flowers and plants, hanging baskets, pots, front door decorations, etc.

Summary Note: While lack of strict adherence to the criteria above does not necessarily result in a disqualification, these principles offer general guidelines that are recognized by the Owl Creek Yard of the Month Committee. YOM realizes not everyone has a 'green thumb'; therefore, a homeowner may still win Yard of the Month by making an extensive improvement to the curb appeal of their home.