



# YARD OF DISTINCTION CONTEST



The City of Waterloo and the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the City of Waterloo Yard of Distinction Contest. This contest has been designed to honor the citizens of Waterloo who work so hard to beautify their yard. Their dedication and pride in making their yards beautiful help make Waterloo a more appealing place to live.

The Contest is open to any residence or apartment in the City of Waterloo. Entry forms are available at City Hall, Chamber of Commerce Office, or online at [www.waterloo.il.us](http://www.waterloo.il.us). You may enter your own yard or nominate a neighbor. Judging will be done by the Waterloo City Garden Club.

Questions can be directed to [Sarah Deutch ext. 211](#).

## Rules:

1. The Yard of Distinction competition is open to all homeowners or rental tenants within the City of Waterloo.
2. There will be three categories: Large Yard (*R-1 which is 18,000 sq. ft. or larger*), Medium Yard (*R-2 which is 14,000 to 17,999 sq. ft.*), and Small Yard (*R-3 which is a single family dwelling 10,500 to 13,999 sq. ft. AND R-5 which is a multi-family dwelling 10,500 to 13,999 sq. ft.*).
3. Judging will take place June 23-30, with winners announced at the City of Waterloo Council meeting held on **Monday, July 28th**. Winners will be asked to attend the meeting to receive their award and pose for a photograph.
4. Entry deadline is June 16th.

## Elements of Consideration:

1. Buildings and hardscape: your home is the backdrop for your yard. Is it well maintained? Colorful or architectural interests? Creatively decorated? Does it have interesting sidewalks, pathways, etc.?
2. Lawn and trees: is there a natural tree-formed canopy or an allee? Is the lawn well-groomed and relatively weed-free?
3. Understory plantings, including shrubs, perennials, and/or annuals: Is there variety or a theme in the shrub plantings? How are perennials and/or annuals used for accents and interest? Are your favorite plantings easily identified?
4. Creative elements: are your plantings displayed in a unique way? Are there garden "whimsies" included, such as nature elements, statuary, or decorative containers? Is there a color theme to your garden?

Entry forms can be submitted to City Hall at 100 W Fourth St., Waterloo, IL 62298.

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**YARD OF DISTINCTION ENTRY FORM**

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the nominee been notified of the nomination (if yes, check box)

Location (subdivision or cross streets): \_\_\_\_\_

Large Yard (R-1)

Medium Yard (R-2)

Small Yard (R-3 & R-5)

Nominator (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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To facilitate in the judging process, please provide the additional information below:

Judging will be done on a drive-by or walk-around basis, based on input from the homeowner.

--Would you like to give the judges a tour of your property during the judging process? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

--Judging will be conducted between June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. What is a convenient timeframe to be evaluated?  
\_\_\_\_morning \_\_\_\_afternoon \_\_\_\_evening