

DCFW Yard of the Season

The goal of the Yard of the Season Award is to recognize the efforts of DCFW neighbors who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same.

AWARD RULES:

1. Yard of the Season will be awarded in the months of April, July, October and December.
2. Each yard is limited to winning the award only once in any two consecutive calendar years.
3. Only the portion of the yard viewed from the street, will be judged. However, special recognition may be given to homeowners who have gone above and beyond in promoting wildlife habitation, water conservation and vegetable gardening.
4. In the event they are selected, a homeowner may elect to refrain from participation.
5. Yard of the Season winners should be current with their DCFW dues.
6. All award winners will display an official and prestigious “**DCFW Yard of the Season**” lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of their award month (approximately 3 weeks). Position of the sign should be prominent in the yard located midway between the street and the front of the house. During this time prize winners are expected to continue to maintain their lawn in the same manner that allowed them to win the award. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the prize and award.

PRIZE:

Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Pikes at the end of their award month.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

DCFW Yard of the Season candidates are judged on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property is important. However, special recognition may be given to homeowners who have gone above and beyond in promoting wildlife habitation, water conservation and vegetable gardening.

Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed & shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.

LAWN: Healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged. No visible debris.

LANDSCAPE & FLOWER BEDS: Beds weeded and edged. Flowers well-maintained and dead plants removed. Trees and shrubs pruned and plantings visually appealing.

WALKWAYS & DRIVEWAYS: Walkways and driveways shall be clean and well-maintained. Area in front of curb free from debris and dirt. Evening appearance after dusk including accent lighting, safety lighting, visible interior lighting, etc.

The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper, but bonus points awarded for self-maintained yard.

No yard will given consideration if the homeowners fail to follow Dekalb County's water restriction rules.

Special Seasonal Considerations:

Spring (April award): Special consideration given to spring foliage. Emphasis on colorful and creative blooms. Unique landscaping and originality/creativity a plus.

Winter (December award): Special consideration given to holiday displays, including lights, house decorations, and general overall spirit. Emphasis on a festive holiday scene.