

ABBINGTON YARD OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The goal for the Yard of the Month program is to award and recognize the efforts of Abbingtion residents who take pride in their home, yard, and landscape and inspire others to do the same.

Criteria

The BOD/Landscape Committee will use the following criteria when choosing a Yard of the Month. These are only guidelines and the BOD/Committee will make a final decision based on the evidence that shows the homeowner's pride in his or her yard.

- Yard is well-groomed
- Yard is attractive; pleasing to the eye (e.g. green lawn; a variety of plants such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers, wildflowers; plants with a variety of heights, textures, and colors; landscape features such as fountains, fresh mulch/pinestraw in beds, etc.)
- Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are in good repair (i.e. minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage or construction)
- Extra consideration may be given to properties that have invested extra effort through the use of attractive art pieces (e.g. pottery, ironwork), potted plants, patio or lawn furniture, flags, etc.
- Yard is free of litter, junk and debris (no appliances or indoor furniture on porches or patios, trash cans are out of view)
- House numbers are displayed attractively on home and mailbox.
- Mailbox is well taken care of and has no chipping paint or missing numbers.
- Does a passerby sense that the homeowner has pride in his or her landscape and property?

Selection

1. Abbingtion residents may nominate any yard within the neighborhood including their own.
2. Each month the BOD/Landscape Committee will select 1 winner from those nominated.
3. The Yard of the Month program will begin each May and end in October.
4. A sign will be placed in the winner's yard for one month. The winner will also receive a \$50 gift card to Lowes Hardware.
5. A homeowner may only win once per calendar year.