

Hampton South Yard of the Month Guidelines:

- All residents in good standing (i.e. current on home owners dues) are automatically eligible.
- Yard of the Month winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.
- Key criteria include manicured yard, beautification, originality and creativity.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper.
- An award duration term lasts a single calendar month, and runs from the first day to the last day of that same month.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in a 12-month period. At least 36 months must elapse between awards for the same yard.
- Recipients receiving awards in the middle of the month shall surrender their award at the end of that same month.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as a "Yard of the Month," they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.

Recommended Judging Criteria:

- Hampton South Yard of the Months are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street.
- General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount.
- Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the street view of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.
- **LAWN:** Grass should be healthy with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged, and trimmed around foundations and fences. Debris (garbage, pet feces, etc.) shall be picked up and removed. A unified, simple and balanced landscape design with a neat and natural appearance is preferred.
- **LANDSCAPE & FLOWER BEDS:** Beds shall be weeded and edged, flowers must be deadheaded and dead plants removed, trees and shrubs pruned, natural areas cleaned. Beautification efforts should include new flowers, new trees, and new shrubs, etc., with plantings in scale with the surroundings and limited to a few types of plants rather than enough to confuse the eye.
- **WALKWAYS & DRIVEWAYS:** Walkways and driveways shall be clean (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). The area in front of the curb must be free from debris and dirt.
- **AESTHETICS:** The overall look of landscaping (formal versus informal, use of color and textures, garden art) is important. The front entryway should be inviting, with original and creative touches to show personality (hanging baskets, pots, yard art, bird feeders, etc.)

Summary note: While lack of strict adherence to the criteria above does not necessarily disqualify, these principles offer general guidelines that should be recognized by the Keep Hampton South Committee Yard of the Month program. Good Luck Hampton South HOA