



Stillwater Ranch

HOA Yard of the Month

Stillwater Ranch HOA is pleased to announce the Yard of the Month award program to show their appreciation and to recognize those homeowners who demonstrate effort in maintaining their property.

The program will award a monthly winner for landscaping and each monthly winner will receive special recognition on the HOA website & Newsletter, a gift, and the honor of displaying the official "Stillwater Ranch Yard of the Month" lawn-sign in their yard that identifies their property as being that month's winner.

Program Guidelines:

- Address of home shall be submitted by **home owner/renter** to StillwaterSATX@icloud.com by the 25th day of the month for the following month's award (Example: For the May Yard of the Month, Address must be submitted by April 25th).
- Judging for the award will be provided by a representative of Stillwater Ranch HOA. Landscaping awards will be presented for the months of May through September. (HOA Representative may come by to take pictures from the street or you may email your own pictures to StillwaterSATX@icloud.com).
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same year.
- The property of all current residents of Stillwater Ranch, both owner-occupied and rental, are automatically eligible to participate in the program.
- Yard of the Month winners must be members of good standing with the Association, current with their Association dues, and free of current HOA covenant violations.
- The homeowners involved in the governance of the HOA are not eligible to participate.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper.
- During their reign as Yard of the Month, winners are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.

Judging Criteria

Yard of the Month candidates for landscaping are judged on the appearance of their property as viewed from the street. Yards will be judged on overall appearance and factors include, but are not limited to, tidiness and neatness of the front and side yards, pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, edged and defined lawns with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged, and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed. Walkways, driveways and curbs shall be edged and free of debris and dirt.

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 and 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 flowers, trees, shrubs, etc., with plantings in scale with the surroundings and a balance between seasonal color and evergreen planting. Shade yards – primarily homes facing north – are definite contenders!

Walkways and Driveways: Walkways and driveways, if visible from the front, 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.).