

Professional Landcare Network Environmental Improvement Awards Program Judging Criteria

Group 1: Residential Design/Build, Commercial Design/Build, Interior Containerized Plantings, Interior Design/Build, and Special Events

1. Overall appearance (includes design for D/B entries) – 25%
2. Degree of difficulty – 25%
3. Quality of all materials (for Interior entries, includes containers and silk/artificial/preserved foliage) – 25%
4. Appropriate scale and functionality in relation to structures/space – 25%

Group 2: Residential Landscape Management, Commercial Landscape Management, and Exterior Landscape Management Decade

1. Overall appearance – 25%
2. Degree of difficulty – 25%
3. Appearance of turf – 10%
4. Appearance of trees – 10%
5. Appearance of annual color – 10%
6. Appearance of shrubs – 10%
7. Appearance of ground cover – 10%

Group 3: Residential Lawn Care, Commercial Lawn Care, and Exterior Lawn Care Decade

1. Overall appearance – 50%
 - a. Lush
 - b. Thick
 - c. Mower tracks in turf
 - d. Setting/composition
2. Degree of difficulty – 25%
 - a. Obstacles to overcome
 - b. Drainage conditions
 - c. Sun/shade
3. Appearance of turf – 25%
 - a. Weed free
 - b. Health

Group 4: Interior Maintenance and Interior Maintenance Decade

1. Overall appearance – 25%
2. Degree of difficulty – 25%
3. Appearance of containers – 10%
4. Appearance of trees – 10%
5. Appearance of annual color – 10%
6. Appearance of preserved/silk foliage – 10%
7. Appearance of live plant material – 10%

Group 5: Erosion Control/Ecological Restoration

1. Overall impact/benefit to the environment – 25%
2. Degree of difficulty – 25%
3. Accomplishment of project intent – 25%
4. Coordination of work with outside agencies – 25%

Group 6: Residential Landscape Contracting, Commercial Landscape Contracting and Interior Installation

1. Overall appearance – 50%
2. Degree of difficulty – 25%
3. Quality of all materials – 25%