

Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards 2010 Program



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A Message from the Mayor

Dear Gardeners of Chicago:



Our city's motto, "Urbs in Horto," means City in a Garden. Throughout Chicago's 173 year history, our citizens have treasured the many green spaces that enrich our lives, reduce noise and stress, and create quiet places for people to enjoy.

Gardeners in Chicago are a resilient and creative bunch. City living can be tough on a plant, but you have found ways to green schools, parkways, roofs and even walls. Adding trees to our urban forest and practicing vertical gardening cools the city and decreases the threat of climate change while continuing to beautify our surroundings. Highlight your horticultural triumphs by submitting an application this year.

The 54th Annual Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards Program is the City's way of acknowledging the individuals, businesses, community groups, schools and other public institutions who contribute their time and energy to make our city the greenest in the nation. I invite you to share the joys of gardening with your fellow citizens by completing an application and sharing your successes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Daley". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "R" and "D".

Richard M. Daley, Mayor

PROGRAM RULES

To enter, complete the attached entry form by answering all questions. Submit only ONE application per category. Include at least TWO photographs of your landscape; the photos must be 4" x 6", printed on regular photo paper and will not be returned. Polaroid or digital photos on disc or via e-mail will not be accepted. Please, no bound presentations, staples or tape.

Applications must be postmarked by July 2, 2010.

Applications that advance to the on-site judging round will be viewed from late July through August. This program is open to all residents, businesses and organizations located in the City of Chicago.

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

One 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award is given in each of these eight city-wide categories.

Commercial Landscapes – On the grounds of private businesses including restaurants, hotels, shopping centers, industrial parks, storefronts and high-rise office buildings.

Container Gardens – Challenged by space constraints and using mostly containers, including porches, rooftop decks and window boxes.

Living Green Roofs and Walls – Vegetated areas located on the top and sides of buildings including high rises, homes, businesses, garages, etc.

Multi-Unit Residential High Rise – Landscapes on the grounds of residential buildings over eight stories.

Native Landscapes – Provide habitat for wildlife, feature primarily native plants, and utilize conservation practices that minimize watering and maintenance.

Public Institutions – Buildings which serve the general public such as hospitals, museums, libraries, fire stations, etc.

Specialized Gardens – Rain Gardens, sidewalk cafes, highway beautification, spaces tended by Chambers of Commerce, and other specialty sites that are not covered by other categories.

Vegetable Gardens – Gardens grown for vegetables, fruit and herbs.

REGIONAL AWARDS

This program divides the city into four regions. One 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award is given in each region in these four categories.

Community Landscapes – Designed, installed and/or maintained by groups such as block clubs, CHA organizations, community centers, houses of worship, etc.

Multi-Unit Residential – Residential buildings under eight stories that contain more than one dwelling.

Schools – Property surrounding public or private educational facilities, public or private, pre-K through university.

Single Family Residential – Property containing only one dwelling.

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2010 APPLICATION

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Mail the completed application to Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards Program, Chicago Department of Environment, 445 North Sacramento Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612. Fax or e-mail copies will not be accepted.

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, complete this application with THEIR information, not your own, otherwise the award will be given to you, not to them.

Contact Person: _____

Organization or Company Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Zip Code:** 606 _____

Day Phone #: _____ **Evening or Mobile Phone #:** _____

Garden Address (if different from mailing address): _____

Ward in which the garden is located: _____

Can the garden be judged when you are not present? ____ Yes ____ No

Please check the ONE category for which you are applying:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Landscapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Unit Residential Landscapes (less than 8 stories) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Landscapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Container Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Green Roofs and Walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Residential Landscape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Landscapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Unit Residential Landscapes (8+ stories) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Gardens |

If your garden wins an award, please print how the award should read (use the box on the right).

Example: Mary and John Smith
1234 West Avenue

OR: Smith Elementary School
645 South Street

OR: Joe Friend
Our Community Garden
321 Over Blvd.

Max 3 Lines

AWARD APPLICATION NARRATIVE

The first round of judging is based on this application and the photographs you submit. If your garden advances to the second round, judges will visit your garden in person. They will be looking for a garden that is:

- Well planned – Sun plants in sun, shade plants in shade, good uses of form, color and texture.
- Well maintained – Free of weeds, watered adequately, correct horticultural practices.
- Creative – What makes your garden stand out? Is your garden used by the community for special events, do you raise vegetables for your neighbors, do you engage children in activities? Do you use artistic objects? Make sure the judges can tell what makes your garden unique.
- Environmentally sound – Do you garden organically, harvest rainwater, compost, transform turf into garden space, use recycled materials, cater to birds and wildlife?

Please be thorough in this application as it will be used to judge your garden. Please tell us:

- How long have you tended to this garden/landscape, and who tends it with you? (neighbors, students, professional landscapers, etc.)
- What is the look or goal of the garden/landscape, if any? (examples: formal, informal, naturalistic, to build community relations, beautification, provide habitat, etc.)
- What were, or are, the challenges in creating and maintaining this garden/landscape?

TYPE OR PRINT VERY NEATLY. Please, use only the space below and do not submit bound presentations.
