

Rubric Score Card for Green Star Awards

Score	15-20 points	10-15 points	5-10 points	0-5 points	Comments:	Total
Turf Management (20%)	Turfgrass is professionally striped, trimmed, edged, and maintained. Overall appearance is rich in color and consistent texture. Turf is free of injury or damage, and maintenance program incorporates industry standards for Turf grass management	Turfgrass is well maintained with a very pleasing appearance. Minor wear and damage is minimally shown.	Turfgrass has shown imperfections, turf areas are not striped or well edged. The turf management plan is not well addressed in summary. Weeds, disease and insect damage can readily be seen.	Inconsistencies in continuity of quality turfgrass and sound management plan. Improper practices in maintenance, i.e., fertility, color, irrigation, insect, disease and mechanical damage. Improper mowing and trimming techniques.		
Score						0
Landscape (20%)	Site reflects thoughtful design utilizing elements of form and function, texture and color. Plants are properly mulched and meticulously maintained. Plant usage is diverse and appealing revealing flawless maintenance.	Bed edging neat and clean but not crisp, some flower deadheads, trees and shrubs not freshly pruned/sheared. Limited appeal or appeal or diversity of plant selectivity for design or color	Shrub, tree and flowerbeds not edged, mulch is not fresh. Presence of weeds, deadheads and debris. Some minor flaws in pruning techniques. Seasonality not considered in theme of design. Landscape garden design doesn't fit site.	Inconsistent quality in design, maintenance and function of landscape. Excessive incorrect pruning and mulching. Lapses in quality of the entire landscape, dead, diseased, infested materials. Presence of debris and weeds		
Score						0
Safety (15%)	Safety plan is well thought out. Pictures show the safety plan is being used by staff.	Safety is considered but not specifically stressed. Some safety concerns are present.	Safety is vaguely considered but not specifically stressed. Some safety concerns are present.	Unprofessional appearance of staff. Staff improperly using equipment in an unsafe manner, complete disregard of safety issues.		
Score						0
Challenges (15%)	Special projects are explained and pictured. Degree of difficulty is high based on resources of labor and materials, access to site. Description includes solutions, successes, and lessons learned for the challenges identified.	Special projects are explained and pictured. Degree of difficulty is average based on resources of labor and materials, access to site. Description includes some solutions, successes, and lessons learned for the challenges identified.	Management challenges seem routine and not out of the ordinary. Solutions, successes and lessons learned are not consistently identified	No stated maintenance challenges.		
Score						0
Budget (10%)	Budget is thoroughly explained. Budget is excellent and efficiency is demonstrated in overall management plan.	Budget is somewhat detailed. Budget is above average / unrestricted and includes innovative methodology and efficiency is demonstrated in overall management plan.	Budget is very restrictive. Budget is average / unrestricted yet innovative methodology and efficiency is demonstrated in overall management plan.	A minimalist approach to management not expressing innovative and cost effective ways to maximize efficiency and productivity. No focus on overall goals and long term planning.		
Score						0
Sustainable Practices (20%)	Sustainable practices and methods featured throughout the landscape. Management practices incorporate alternative control measures for weed, disease and insects with an emphasis on non-toxic, organic approaches.	More thought could be given to sustainable practices and methods. Management plan lacks diversity of cultural options and lack of clarity regarding environmental stewardship commitment.	No mention of environmental stewardship in management plan or lack of a management plan.	Site reflects the possibility of negative environmental impact due to maintenance practices.		
Score						0