

Front Yards in Bloom 2017

Nominate a great looking yard in the annual **Front Yards in Bloom** competition by **June 30, 2017** as sponsored by the City of Edmonton, CUPW and the Edmonton Horticultural Society! Put Woodvale on the map and nominate a front/side yard(s) in Greenview, Hillview, Tawa or Mill Woods Town Centre areas that you believe really adds to beautifying your neighbourhood.



- Nomination Categories:
 - **Uniquely Canadian (only for 2017):** Gardens that celebrate Canada with red and white flowers and/or features evoking our shared heritage.
 - **General:** an appealing front yard that catches your eye, inspires smiles and invites visitors to enjoy the beauty. May include a variety of plants, colors, textures, heights, garden decorations and unique features. Must have at least 25% flowering plants, but can still include pots and containers.
 - **Natural Front Yard:** a front yard with a “natural” aesthetic, using native plants, limited pesticides and herbicides and reduced water use (e.g. xeriscaping); use of native flowers, trees, shrubs or ground cover plants that attract local wildlife such as birds, bees, butterflies, and other insects.
 - **Edible Front Yard:** a front yard incorporating edible fruits and plants into the landscape design. Landscaping includes everything from vegetables and grains to fruiting trees, berry bushes or even mushrooms. An edible yard is one with 60% edible plants (compared to all plants) or more.
 - **Public Spaces:** the front yard or garden of a public building such as a school, business, office building, multi-unit residence, school, church, community league or volunteer association.

To qualify only the front and side yards are included (must be viewable from a public sidewalk/road) and doesn't mean the person has had to have a professional landscaper do the work; no self-nominations please. Just that the residents have taken an interest in making their front/side yards attractive and should be a yard that stands out from the neighbours. All you have to send in is the address you are nominating and include your name and phone number, so if there are any questions the organizers can get back to you. **Nominations open May 20 through to June 30, 2017 and can be sent in via:**

- Online submission form at: www.frontyardsinbloom.ca
- By dialling 3-1-1
- By email at: 311@edmonton.ca

The Woodvale Community League is challenging Woodvale residents (Greenview, Hillview, Tawa or Mill Wood's Town Centre areas) to look around their neighbourhood this spring and if you see a yard you that stands out and makes a difference to your community, send in your nomination. This will be the 8th year that the Woodvale Community League has participated in this annual event and the nominated yards may receive a sign for their front yard indicating they have been nominated for **Front Yards in Bloom**. The top 2 Woodvale area yards in the General category will be eligible for some prizes provided by Rio Can and Mill Wood's Town Centre; as well a prize may be awarded for the top Woodvale yard in the Uniquely Canadian category. The top 2 nominations in the General Category and possibly Uniquely Canadian Category will be included in the overall final judging across the city with **final awards on August 24** at the old Royal Alberta Museum theatre (12845-102 Avenue NW Edmonton) from 7-9 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the awards ceremonies!

The City of Edmonton is also recruiting public volunteers who love to get outside and see some beautiful landscaping - please check out the website for more details:
edmonton.ca/frontyardsinbloom