



# GARDEN OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

This document is to set out the criteria for the Town of Rosthern Garden of the Year contest.

**Dates:** July 4<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be 2 categories available:

1. Flower/Pollinator
2. Vegetable Patch

Nominations will be accepted from residents of the Town of Rosthern starting Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

To complete a nomination:

1. Select the category being entered
2. Submit the name, address and contact information (email or phone number) of the property owner, as well as a picture of the garden to [recreation@rosthern.com](mailto:recreation@rosthern.com) or drop off in person at the Town Office from Mon-Fri, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Nominations can be for your own property or that of a friend/neighbor, as long as approval is granted.
3. The property being nominated must agree to have a photo of their garden displayed on the Town of Rosthern's social media and website.
4. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00pm on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

There will be 1 prize awarded for each category, courtesy of our local Home Hardware. Winners will be contacted directly, and an announcement will be made on the Town of Rosthern website and social media on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Rules & Restrictions:

1. Eligible properties must be within the Town of Rosthern limits.
2. No properties belonging to those of the judges can be awarded Garden of the Year.

## Adjudication Criteria:

An adjudicating panel will set out to select our 'Garden of the Year' winners. Their decision will be based on the following criteria:

1. **Design:** Balance, originality, selection and arrangement of plants and vegetables.
2. **Hard Landscaping:** Use of stones, rocks, statuary, containers, walls, fencing or water features
3. **Condition and Maintenance:** Cleanliness, disease & weed free, suitable ground cover
4. **Use of Plant Material:** Variety, spacing & balance, appropriate use of perennials and/or native species, unique species, use of color & texture

"Garden of the Year" winners will be presented with a certificate and prize pack in recognition for their hard work in maintaining their yard and beautifying our community.