



TEXAS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

CATEGORY EXPLANATION:

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION PROJECTS

GENERAL GUIDELINES / RULES

- Projects must have been completed within 2 years of the award submission deadline date.
- Projects could have been designed by entrant or by exterior designer/architect.
- Projects must have been 100% completed prior to award submission deadline date.
- Projects acceptable for entry **MUST HAVE** been completed by entrant or have been under full responsibility by entrant.
 - *Hint: To avoid judging confusion, if a project includes a project of another firm, indicate exactly which aspects the other firm handled, and how you interacted with the other firm during the installation. You do not want judges to judge your project poorly if it was the other firm's fault.*
- Only projects under full responsibility by entrant should be included on photos or descriptions. If projects within the photo submissions were not under full responsibility are pictured in submission pictures **MUST BE** noted on photo descriptions.
- All projects will be judged on the installation of the project, not the design of the project.
 - *Hint: For installation entries, the design is not judged, only the installation process; thus, photo descriptions and general descriptions need to tell the story of how the project was installed, not explain design elements.*

5 TIPS TO GAIN THE MOST OUT OF YOUR INSTALLATION ENTRY

1. Be brief and straight to the point on your installation photo descriptions. Do not fill a description with "fluff" information, only say what you want the judges to hear.
2. Be technical with your installation descriptions. Tell sizes, process, special tools used, difficulty factors, etc. to fully illustrate why you installed the project the way you installed it.
3. Highlight special challenges that you faced with before photos with clear descriptions on what the picture shows and how that relates to the challenge of the installation.
4. If any special techniques were used, let the judges know! The judges can only judge you on what you show and tell them.
5. Show work in progress pictures. Installation Entries are judged on the installation of the project, not just the end result of a project!

EXAMPES OF AWARD WINNING PHOTO SUBMISSION & DESCRIPTIONS:

EXAMPLE 1)



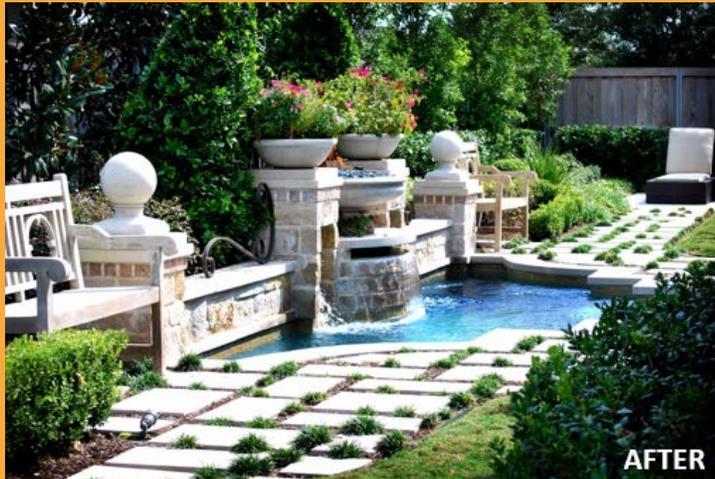
This is a progress photo of the cistern installation. This photo shows the immense scale of the cistern, which measures 26' wide x 132' long x 14' tall with 12" thick reinforced concrete walls. You will notice how small the all-terrain forklift appears as it is parked in the middle of the cistern. This photo also shows how strict safety measures were adhered to including the safety scaffolding and shoring in place.

EXAMPLE 2)



The backyard was all grass and fence. A water oak tree was centered in the yard and would later be transplanted to its new location. A small pool, patios, walkways, and landscape were approved and work

commenced. This view shows the backyard prior to any work being done. Faint orange paint lines mark out the future pool area.



The final result was a stunning backyard retreat that was interlaced with hardscape and landscape. The two seemed to come together for a perfect union. An entirely new outdoor room for the whole family was created.

EXAMPLE 3)



An engineered pier-and-beam construction technique minimized the impact of the hardscape on the existing tree. Fabricated steel beams reduced the number of piers needed. The seat walls were built on the steel beams to allow them to “float” above the root system of the existing tree.