



## TEXAS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

### CATEGORY EXPLANATION:

#### COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE

### GENERAL GUIDELINES / RULES

- Projects must have been under contract at minimum 2 years prior to the award submission deadline date.
- Only maintenance that is under full responsibility by entrant should be included on photos or descriptions. If there are photos that picture areas not maintained by the entrant, these **MUST BE** noted on photo descriptions.
- All projects will be judged on the maintenance of the project, not the design or installation of the project.
  - *Hint: For maintenance entries, show pictures of the turf that is maintained and explain to the judges how this turf is maintained and the challenges that are faced. Same goes with the beds, instead of just describing the look of the bed, explain how the beds are maintained and go over special maintenance requirements that you face on that job.*

### 5 TIPS TO GAIN THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MAINTENANCE ENTRY

1. Be brief and straight to the point on your maintenance photo descriptions. Do not fill a description with "fluff" information, only say what you want the judges to hear.
2. Be technical with your maintenance process descriptions. Tell the judges what makes your project different or more difficult to maintain than a normal property.
3. Highlight special challenges such as seasonal color change outs, dry river bed maintenance, etc. that you faced with photos and clear descriptions on what the picture shows and how that relates to the challenge of the overall maintenance of that property.
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. Maintenance is all about how your team maintains effectively, just remember not to capture faces of your workers or company logos.

## EXAMPLES OF AWARD WINNING SUBMISSIONS:

### EXAMPLE 1)



Mass seasonal color installed in full bloom is visible from multiple angles from the home and garden. Clipping, weeding, and deadheading twice weekly eliminates faded blooms, stimulates new growth to extend the bloom cycle, and creates a stunning display.

### EXAMPLE 2)



This hybrid St. Augustine lawn panel requires alternating mowing patterns, frequent aeration, and hand edging to prevent damage to stone. The turf is full and lush even with the semi-shade conditions.

### EXAMPLE 3)





Management of the 55 zones sprinkler system comprised of both spray and drip creates a weekly challenge with maintaining the proper water balance with the over 40 feet elevation difference from front to back.

#### EXAMPLE 4)



Property entrance showing the manicured boxwood hedges, Canary Date Palm and Palisades Zoysia grass. All boxwoods on the property are pruned by hand using a string line and bubble level to achieve a consistent, flawless shape. Two Canary Date Palms stand on each corner and add to the list of specialty plants on this property that require unique care.