

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Do I have to be a City of Grand Junction resident?

Answer: Yes

Question: When is the judging?

Answer: May, June, July, August and September

Question: Do I need to be home to receive the award?

Answer: Yes, but not for the judging. The Forestry Board will notify that you are the winner and schedule a time with you to place the Yard of the Month Sign in your front yard and take a photo for the City of Grand Junction website and Daily Sentinel newspaper in the Saturday's "Home and Garden" section. The Forestry Board would also like schedule a time to have you come to a City Council meeting to receive a certificate signed by the mayor.

Question: How is the Yard of the Month selected?

Answer: A panel will judge the yards solely on the total exterior appearance of the property and front/side yards as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount. Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed, and shaped foliage edged and defined lawns, borders and flowerbeds, and visual appeal.

Question: If I win, what awards do I receive?

Answer: A beautiful Yard of the Month sign will be displayed in the winner's front yard, along with a certificate signed by the mayor, and picture of the winner's yard will be published on the City of Grand Junction website and in the Daily Sentinel newspaper's Saturday "Home and Garden" section.

Question: How long do I keep the "Yard of the Month" sign?

Answer: The Yard of the Month sign will be awarded to the winners at the beginning of the month. At the end of the month the Yard of the Month sign will be retrieved by the Grand Junction Forestry Board member or Forestry staff.

Question: What should I do if the "Yard of the Month" sign is damaged or stolen?

Answer: Call the City of Grand Junction Parks office as soon as possible at (970)254-3849.