



LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION WORK PERFORMED

DEADLINE: May 31, 2023

Must be an ALCA Member to Participate

WORK PERFORMED	JUDGING GUIDELINES	YOUR COMPANY	OTHERS/ EXISTING
Design	Proper plant choices and placement; appropriate use of area;		
Walls: retaining/ screen/bench seats	Even mortar joints; not warped; neat and clean appearance		
Pool	Installed by contractor and/or included in client's contract		
Water Feature	Designed to scale; quality workmanship		
Ramada/Gazebo	Sound structure; level; quality workmanship		
BBQ	Proper construction		
Boulders	Bury 1/3 to 1/2 of boulders; match surfaces in boulder groups		
Patios/Walkways/ Steps	Plumb; good joints; no cracks; free of hazard; uniform elevation changes		
Driveway	Plumb; good joints; no cracks; free of hazard; uniform elevation changes		
Fire Pit	Proper construction; adequate distance from flammable structures		
Trees	Proper placement, planting depth, staking; nursery stakes re-		
Cacti/Succulents	Planted with sufficient sun exposure; properly braced, proper		
Shrubs/Groundcovers Vines/Perennials	Proper planting depth; healthy appearance; proper placement		
Seasonal Flower Beds	Proper selection; good coverage; healthy appearance		
Low Voltage Lighting	Must provide a night shot; proper installation		
Turf	Smooth even grade and texture; proper drainage; green		
Artificial Turf	Smooth even grade and texture; no visible seams		
Rip Rap/Dry Stream Bed	Follow natural drainage paths; deep enough to facilitate water flow		
Granite/Mulch	Adequate depth to cover soil; smooth transition of walkways		
Pots	Proper placement of pots and plant choices		
Other services:			



LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED

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Seasonal Flower Beds	Proper selection; good coverage; healthy appearance of annuals		
Cacti/Succulents	Healthy appearance; free of insects and/or animal damage		
Rip Rap/Dry Stream Bed	Weed free; no washouts; free of granite debris		
Granite/Mulch	Adequate depth to cover soil; smooth transition of walkways; weed free		
Shrubs/ Groundcovers/ Vines/Perennials	Healthy appearance; pruned neatly off walks & buildings; no shearing or excessive pruning; natural appearance		
Parking Areas/ Roads	Free of debris and hazards; no plants blocking line of sight; clean curbs and gutters		
Tree care—Total	Properly pruned and supported, if necessary; out of path of pedestrians and auto traffic; no mower or weed eater damage; tree rings maintained		
Trees care below 12 feet only	Properly pruned and supported, if necessary; out of path of pedestrians and auto traffic; no mower or weed eater damage; tree rings maintained		
Turf	Green and lush in appearance; weed and debris free; mowed evenly; uniform edging		
Pots	Proper plant choices in pots; healthy appearance		
Other: Indicate service			

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION—150 WORDS

Tell the story of your project. Explain the requirements and results.

PROJECT CHALLENGES—OPTIONAL

SITE PLAN—On a separate 8 1/2" x 11" sheet, attach a plan with property lines, shade in landscaped areas.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Each project must have a minimum of 10 and maximum of 25 photographs that represent the items checked off on the work performed sheet.
- At least one photograph must be vertical.
- Label one photo "Plaque" to indicate which photo you want displayed on the award.
- Submit a copy of your photos with an approximate size of 1200 x 1800 pixels at 300 dpi.
- Photos may not be altered to enhance finished product beyond adjustments to contrast and brightness
- Photos and application must be submitted via <https://cpjam.com/alca/organization/contests/2023-Excellence-in-Landscaping>



JUDGING & RESULTS—Judges will assign a score for each entry. All of the judges' scores will be averaged to determine the final score.

- 80% of the score will be judged on the technical criteria of the project. The description of the project will be read by the judges as the photos are reviewed. A score of 1 – 10 under each line item that the applicant selected as the work they performed. These scores will be added and averaged and account for 80% of the score.
- 20% of the score will be judged on the "aesthetics" section. Judges will assign a score of 1 – 10 for the following: Overall appearance, Complexity of project

Projects with scores of 90% + will be eligible for an Excellence Award

Projects with scores of 80%+ will be eligible for an award of Distinction

Projects with scores of 70%+ will be eligible for a Judges award

**more than one award may be given in each category

All projects will be subject to an on-site visit to confirm scores. When all of the entries have been judged, the judges will review those projects that are eligible for the "Presidential" (best of show) & "Best Landscape Maintenance" awards.

Onsite visits will be scheduled at a later date for those entries that score 80% or higher or to determine close scoring projects within a category.