



# Yard of the Month Contest

## Gardening Together Program

### Habitat for Humanity Lake County, IL

**Eligibility:** Prizes are open to all who live in an owner-occupied Habitat for Humanity Lake County homes. Early houses that are paid off through the newest moved-in homes are eligible.

**Timeframe:** HFHLC will present 1-2 awards per month from April to October

**Criteria:** Best “Curb Appeal” with monthly theme

Month	Theme	Hints
• April	Spring Flowers in Bloom	Bulbs, early blooms
• May	Cleanest, Neatest Yard	Trash cleaned, toys, tools stored, garbage can not visible
• June	Grass, cut, trimmed	Weeds under control, no bare spots
• July	Pretty bloom, color, shape - pick your favorite	Water, fertilize
• August	Vegetable garden	Producing food and neat, clean, weeded
• September	Container garden- Plants in pots	Plants watered, fertilized, deadheaded will be in bloom
• October	Best fall display	Fall blooming plants, gourds and tasteful fall decorations

#### **Nominations:**

- **How:** Post a picture to our Gardening Together Facebook page, Gardening Together
- **Who:**
  - **Self-nominations:** Anyone can nominate a Habitat home, including your own
  - **Community nominations:** Neighbors, city officials, HFH staff and board may nominate Habitat homes

#### **Prizes:**

- Up to a \$50 per prize (usually a gift card but may be a gardening item)
- 2 prizes per month IF we receive at least 3 nominations per category. If we receive fewer than 3 nominations, HFHLC has the right to not run the contest for that month.

**Signs:** Winning yards will display Habitat’s “Yard of the Month” sign for 1 month. Pictures will be posted on Facebook and other social media