



2009 Xeriscape Contest PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY Entry Rules



ADWR and the Tucson Botanical Gardens are once again partnering on the Annual Xeriscape Contest for 2009. We are working together to promote the use of native and low-water-use plants, water conservation and to continue our commitment to resolving long-term water supply issues in the Tucson basin. The Xeriscape Contest serves as an educational tool to increase awareness of the beauty and ease of Xeriscape in the community. The contest showcases public and private landscapes and honors people who design and implement these beautiful landscapes that demonstrate water efficiency, reduced costs and good maintenance practices.

Prizes:

Grand prize for Best of Show Design by a Professional

First place for Best Design of Residential Property by a Professional

First place for Best Design of Public and Commercial Spaces by a Professional

Eligibility: Any Xeriscape landscape in the greater Tucson area installed a minimum of 2 years, or has attained a mature look by using salvaged plants or larger nursery stock.

The following guidelines, based on the seven principles of Xeriscape, provide the criteria for judging the entered landscape in the 2009 Xeriscape Contest.

Xeriscape Guidelines for Professional Entries

- Water conserving design with an Oasis no more than 30% of total area landscaped (oasis includes surface areas of water features e.g. pools, fountains, ponds, etc)
- Turf, other water intensive plants, pools and water features should be located in the oasis zone
- Plant selection should include a minimum of 25% Sonoran and/or Chihuahuan desert plants as total of low-water, drought tolerant and non-invasive plants
- All plants should be zoned by water use and irrigated accordingly (e.g., trees on a separate valve from shrubs and groundcovers; low-water-use trees on a separate valve from high-water-use trees, etc.)
- Irrigation *must be* efficient and based on plant water use requirements, seasonal water needs, soil type, microclimates and other unique site conditions
- Incorporation of rainwater and/or gray water harvesting
- Use of mulch and/or soil improvements to retain moisture and reduce evaporation
- Demonstration of proper maintenance schedules and practices

Entry Rules:

- I. Each entry must be submitted by **Monday, March 23, 2009**. *The application form must be postmarked by March 23rd or dropped off by 4:30 pm at the Tucson Botanical Gardens; 2150 N. Alvernon Way; Tucson, AZ 85712*
- II. Each entry must include the following items:
- Completed Entry Form
 - Judge's Form with top portion completed
 - \$75.00 check payable to Tucson Botanical Gardens – 2009 Xeriscape Contest
 - Street map with easiest route marked and written directions to the site.
 - Submit a minimum of three (3) to a maximum of ten (10) digital photos on CD and saved at high resolution (1280 by 1024 pixels or 1.5 million pixels per photo minimum).

Digital photos and CD must be separately labeled with:

1. Project name (name of resident, building, company, government entity, or street name and nearest cross street for medians and rights-of-way).
 2. Designer's name(s)
 3. Photographers name(s) and permission to use the photographs for publicity purposes
 4. Before and after photos dated with year and from same spot, if possible
- **Entry Packet** containing:
 1. One-page description or site analysis of special design features, efficient water-use techniques, innovative ideas and/or special site considerations.
 2. List total area of lot, total landscaped (if different) and approximate total area of each zone
 3. Plant list with Sonoran and/or Chihuahuan native plants designated by an asterisk (*), should be a minimum of 25% of total plants
 4. Irrigation sources and components used:
 - A. Drip/Spray systems
 - a. Seasonal irrigation schedule
 - b. Controller
 - 1) Type (evapotranspiration, standard, etc.)
 - 2) Number of zones
 - 3) Features (rain sensor, seasonal schedule memory, one-button reduction, etc.)
 - c. Number of valves
 - B. Rainwater Harvesting (passive, active or combination system)
 - a. Swales, berms, basins (passive systems)
 - b. Type of cistern, storage capacity and method of distribution (active)
 - c. Source (roof, driveway, paving, patios, sidewalks, street diversion, etc.)
 - d. Water harvesting potential per year (gallons or cubic feet) based on Tucson average of 11-12 inches/year
 - C. Gray Water Reuse
 - a. Source (washer, sinks, tub, pools, air conditioner, etc.)
 - b. Retrofit of existing system or new construction gray water plumbing system and stub-out (indicate if system is active)
 5. List of mulches used and depth
 6. Descriptions of soil amendment (if used), plant type and reason for amendments
 7. Prescribed maintenance procedures and schedule
 8. List of any recycled products (salvaged plants, re-cycled or re-purposed building materials, etc)



**2009 Xeriscape Contest
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Entry Form**



INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form and fill in the Information above the Judges Instructions on the Judging Form. **Enclose a check for \$75.00 made payable to: Tucson Botanical Gardens –2009 Xeriscape Contest.**

ENTRANT'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
(* as it would appear on award)

BUSINESS NAME/ ADDRESS/ZIP: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

DESIGNER(S): _____

INSTALLER(S) /CONTRACTOR(S): _____

CLIENT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

MAJOR CROSS STREETS: _____

Please attach a map so the judges can find your project, Thanks

Whom should we notify of the judging date and for site accessibility info (e.g. dogs, guardhouse permission)

OWNER: _____
Name Phone #

If your entry is selected for an award who should be invited to accept the award?

NAME/TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Would you like us to invite your client to the awards ceremony if you are receiving an award? ___ yes ___no

* The designer's name is larger and listed first on the award, followed by the company name. If you win an award and prefer that the award list the company name larger, followed by the designers name, please write the business name on the Entrants line followed by the designer's name.