

Oak Creek Home of the Month Entry (HOME) Guidelines

The Town of Oak Creek is dedicated to improving the quality of living and appearance of our community. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in maintaining their yards, home exteriors, and practice sustainability in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.

The purpose of the HOME program is to maintain and improve the appearance of our community by promoting:

- Well-kept yards
- Home improvements
- Sustainable practices

One winner each month will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate

An "Oak Creek Home of the Month" sign in their yard for a month. A picture of the winning yard will also be posted on the Town's website and announced in the monthly newsletter.

Guidelines:

A. Yard Maintenance

- Minimum weeds in flower beds
- Yard free of debris and clutter
- Healthy lawn, neatly mowed
- Plants and shrubs that don't require extensive watering

B. Design and Landscaping

- Xeriscape design incorporated when applicable
- Use of color or texture
- Creative, unique, curb appeal
- Overall aesthetic appeal, an inspiration to others in the neighborhood

C. Home Exterior

- Fresh paint or siding
- Walkways and driveways free of debris
- Evening appearance including solar accent lighting
- New windows to promote energy efficiency
- Use of regional materials for any construction

Summary: While lack of strict adherence to the criteria above does not necessarily result in a disqualification, these principles offer general guidelines that should be recognized under the Oak Creek Home of the Month program.

Additional Details

- The Oak Creek Town Board will judge, determine, and select the Home of the Month during the second board meeting of the month prior to the award being given. Nominations will be taken at the first meeting of the month. Anyone can nominate a yard by contacting the Town Clerk or any Town Board member. Name and address and reason why must be given when nominating.
- Winner must be in good standing with the Town. This will be verified with the Town Clerk's office.
- One home will be selected each month.
- Each yard/home will be limited to winning the award only once in any calendar year.
- Home of the Month signs will be placed in the winning yards on the first day of the month, and remain the entire month. This will be done by Town employee(s).
- Judges' decisions are final.
- The Town Board may include a "theme" to go along with the HOME program (e.g. most colorful, best improved, holiday). This will be announced one month prior.