

# **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

## **Annual Beautification Award**

### **Judging Criteria**

**2024**

Criteria for judging includes the following:

1. Overall appearance – Does your establishment provide a pleasing and attractive appearance that exceeds the Township’s minimum landscape requirements?
2. Windows – Are they clean and clutter-free?
3. Landscaping – Is it above average? The addition of live flowers, planters, hanging baskets, etc. are considered above average. Also considered above average are varieties in height, texture and color of plantings. In strip malls, pots or planters of live flowers beside the door, window flower boxes, if possible, and an arrangement on the door adds to the attractiveness of the area. Planters are permitted on the sidewalks, or outside near the entrances to businesses.

Are dead and/or diseased landscape materials, including trees and shrubs, removed and overgrown branches pruned?

Are your gardens and planting areas free of weeds and mulched?

4. Cleanliness – Are the parking areas and sidewalks free of debris? Has special care been given to maintaining the sanitation areas, for example, are trash receptacles enclosed with no debris present around the receptacles, and are they screened?
5. Businesses must have no known violation of township ordinances and must not be in default to the township.

**Each establishment is judged on its own merits.**