



Parry Sound in Bloom  
Garden Contest  
**RULES & INSTRUCTIONS**

The Town of Parry Sound is encouraging all residents to register their front-yard gardens in the Parry Sound in Bloom Garden Contest, to be recognized as a contribution to the beautification of Parry Sound neighbourhoods. Here is your chance to be recognized for all your hard work in your front-yard garden! The Parry Sound in Bloom Garden Contest will take place within the following dates:

**Registration Deadline: August 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM**

**Winners Announced: August 22, 2025**

Please read these rules and instructions carefully and complete the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Jayme Young at 705-746-2701 ext. 201. Entry forms can be submitted online via email to [jyoung@parrysound.ca](mailto:jyoung@parrysound.ca) or at [www.parrysound.ca/psinbloom](http://www.parrysound.ca/psinbloom).

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1. Registration is free and open to all residents within the boundaries of the Town of Parry Sound.
2. **Registration must be received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, August 15, 2025.**
3. This contest is for front-yard gardens that can be viewed from the sidewalk only.
4. **Entrants retain the copyright to their photographs. However, by submitting your photo, you hereby grant the Town of Parry Sound and contest Sponsors a worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sublicenseable and transferable license to print, publish, use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of your submission, and display your full name and photograph in connection with your submission, in any media formats and through any media channels.**
5. All entries must be accompanied by a photograph. The photo you submit will be the photo that Council votes on. Please ensure your photo is of good quality!
6. Contest entries are to be classified by the registrant into one of three categories: General, Natural, and Edible. For a list of category rules, see *point 7*.
7. **Category rules:**
  - General: an appealing front yard that catches your eye. Yards should contain at least 25% flowering plants over the area (ex. pots, containers, flowering trees, shrubs, mosses, and grasses are all included in this category).
  - Natural: a yard with native plants that attract local wildlife such as birds, bees, butterflies, and other insects. Although rocks and other features add to the texture of any yard, the yard should still contain the basic minimum of 25% plant life to be considered in any category. As a guideline - of all the plants found in these yards, at least 60% must be native to Ontario.
  - Edible: a yard incorporating edible fruits, flowers, and leaves into the landscape design. Landscaping includes everything from vegetables and grains to fruiting trees, berry bushes, or even mushrooms. As a guideline - of all the plants found in these yards, at least 60% must be edible.
8. Only the top 3 gardens from each category will advance to the voting stage of the contest.
9. A Town of Parry Sound Team will be created to vote on the submissions, selecting 1<sup>st</sup> place, and honorable mention in each category. The Team will be comprised of two members of Council, one member of the Senior Leadership Team, one unionized staff person and one non-unionized staff person.
10. Prizes are available in all three categories of entry, and the value of the prize is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$200, Honourable Mention - \$100
11. Participant registration is limited to one category per house.
12. Contact information is required on registration forms to contact winning entries. The Town of Parry Sound will not disclose this information to anyone.

**\*\*Accessible format available upon request**

# Parry Sound in Bloom Registration Form

## Registration Entry

Name (First and Last) \*: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Category\*: ☐ General ☐ Natural ☐ Edible

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a photograph of your garden by attaching a digital photo when emailing this entry form. Photographs will be used for online voting purposes.**

## **Contest Rules and Legal Disclaimer**

How to Enter/Eligibility: There is no purchase necessary to enter this contest. All homes must have a Town of Parry Sound address to be eligible for this competition and subsequent prizes. Registration forms can be submitted at [www.parrysound.ca/psinbloom](http://www.parrysound.ca/psinbloom) or emailed to the specified addresses prior to contest closure.

Contest Deadlines: Contest registrations will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2025. This date represents contest closure and registrations will not be accepted past this date. Contest judging will occur between August 18-21, 2025.

Winner Selection/Notification/Disqualification: Contest winners will be selected by a Town of Parry Sound Team, described in Rule "9". Prize winners will be notified via email or phone within 7 days of contest judging. If no response is received within 7 days of notification, contest winners will forfeit their prize and the prize will be re-allocated the next most qualified competitor.

Privacy: The Town of Parry Sound will not sell or share your personal address or information. Contact information is required to communicate with prize winners.

☐ I have read and understand the above rules and contest criteria \*

☐ I have read and understand the accompanying "Rules & Instructions" page \*

**\* Required fields**

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