



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 or at www.parrysound.ca/psinbloom.

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 1st 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: 1st 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.

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