

# Community Beautification Recognition Program

The City of Wasco is initiating this program which is designed to encourage and promote community pride and community involvement in keeping Wasco a beautiful place to live, work and play. The program will recognize and reward Wasco residents and commercial business owners whose properties exemplify community pride through a high level of property improvements and maintenance. It is hoped that recognizing such properties will set an example and encourage all property owners to think about their community in a positive manner and to demonstrate community pride through on-going property maintenance.

**Nomination Process:** The City of Wasco will allow City employees, residents and business owners to nominate themselves or others who they feel have put their best foot forward towards investing in the beautification of the City. All properties will be judged on their visible aesthetic appearance from the street.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Properties must lie within City limit boundaries
- Properties must be compliant with building, municipal and/or zoning codes

## Categories:

- **Yard of the Quarter:** This category will focus on a residential property.
- **Commercial Property of the Quarter:** This category will focus on non-residential properties such as restaurants, businesses, schools, medical offices, and shopping centers.

**Awards:** Winners will be featured on the City's website, receive recognition at the City Council meeting, and proudly display a "Beautification Award" sign.

\*Properties in violation of building, municipal and/or zoning codes will not be eligible.

\*The selection committee reserves the right to move a nomination into a different category.

## Selection Process

Nominees will be judged on the following:

- Visible aesthetic appearance from the street – Does the property enhance the image of the City? Does the property enhance the image of their neighborhood?
- Drought Tolerant Landscaping
- Improvements and Rehabilitation
- Architecture
- General maintenance/upkeep. The properties will be judged on neatness, creativity, color harmony, plant health, overall effect and most improved (if applicable)
- Historical character preservation if applicable

# City of Wasco Neighborhood Beautification Award Nomination Form

**Purpose:** The City of Wasco believes in encouraging the beautification of our City. The Community Beautification Awards were developed to recognize the efforts of those that improve the overall appearance of the community by enhancing their property. The awards aim to recognize those responsible for improvements such as: drought tolerant landscaping, building façade improvements, rehabilitation of property, or historic preservation of a property. All properties within the Wasco City limits who are not in violation of building, municipal and/or zoning codes are eligible to be nominated. Nominees will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Visible aesthetic appearance from the street
- Drought Tolerant Landscaping
- Improvements and Rehabilitation
- Architecture
- General maintenance/upkeep (neatness, creativity, color harmony, plant health, overall effect)
- Historical character preservation (if applicable)

Nominated Property Address/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info. (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**Category (please circle one):**

Residential

Commercial

**The nominated property is enhancing the City by:**

Having a drought tolerant landscape

Making property improvements (if possible provide before & after photos)

Enhancing the image of the City of Wasco and surrounding neighborhood

Not violating any building, municipal and/or zoning codes and/or working with the City to correct violations in a timely manner

**In addition, the following elements make this property attractive compared to others:**

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**\*PLEASE ATTACH PHOTOS IF AVAILABLE**

Please provide your contact information (anonymous nominations will be disqualified):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # or email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please submit your completed nomination form to the Planning Department, 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280 or via email to birios@ci.wasco.ca.us.