



EL PASO WATER LANDSCAPE CONTEST

2024 residential winner: MDesign



Residential and Commercial Categories

Deadline to enter: June 27, 2025

El Paso Water celebrates the work of homeowners, landscapers and landscape designers creating exemplary, water smart landscapes.

**To apply: request an application at
conservation@epwater.org**

Landscape must have been completed between
Jan. 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025.



2024 commercial winners: Jordan Foster Construction & The Dry Land Landscape Architecture





El Paso Water Landscape Awards, 2025

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The El Paso Water Landscape Awards were developed to recognize and encourage creative, lush, water smart landscapes. The awards Competition is open to homeowners, landscape designers and installers who have designed or installed landscapes in El Paso between January 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025.

Applicant Name: _____ Applicant Email: _____ Applicant Phone: _____

Designer Name: _____ Installer Name: _____

Landscape Address: _____

Category (check one): ☐ Residential Design ☐ Residential Installation ☐ Commercial Design ☐ Commercial Installation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION-max 150 WORDS: Provide a description of the project here, or on a separate sheet.

SITE PLAN: Provide a plan delineating the project area, on a separate 8.5x11" or 11x17" sheet of paper.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Provide 10-20 unaltered, high resolution photographs of the landscape. Contact conservation@epwater.org for upload link.

PHOTO RELEASE FORM:

I hereby grant permission to EPWater to use photographs and/or video of landscape taken on (date)_____ at (location) _____ in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of El Paso Water.

Signature _____ Date _____

JUDGING & RESULTS: Judging panel shall be made up of two EPWater Conservation Staff and two outside landscape consultants (non-applicants). Judging criteria is provided on the next page for reference.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS: Awards shall be in the following categories:

- Landscape Design – Residential
- Landscape Installation – Residential
- Landscape Design – Commercial/Institutional
- Landscape Installation – Commercial/Institutional

Commercial Winners shall be recognized through publicity, a promotional video, plaque and tickets to an El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball Game. Award shall be announced at the El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball Game, date and time TBD (late summer). Residential winners shall receive a \$200 gift certificate and an irrigation assessment by EPWater Conservation. If landscape is design-build, only one award shall be given.



ELEMENT	DESIGN JUDGING GUIDELINES	POINTS AVAILABLE
Planting	Use of native and low-water-use plants (per City of El Paso Approved Tree and Plant List water designations)	10
Planting	Variation of species	5
Planting	High planting density	5
Trees	Optimal tree selection, placement, planting depth, staking as needed	5
Site	Use of permeable materials in pathways and patios	5
Site	Functional water collector swales (passive water harvesting)	10
Site	Use of rain barrel(s) (active water harvesting)	5
Irrigation	Use of greywater in irrigation system	5
Irrigation	Use of drip irrigation	5
Irrigation	Drip irrigation differentiated per plant type, or station hydrozones	5
Irrigation	Use of master valve	5
Irrigation	Use of smart controller	5
Irrigation	Division of tree irrigation and shrub irrigation into separate stations.	5
Mulch	Proper use of organic mulch in landscape	5
Irrigation	Use of flow meter	5
Turf	Use of grass turf for functionality	5
Habitat	Use of host plants for all stages of bird or insect development	5
Artificial Turf	Optimal use of turf, and shading of turf to minimize heat impact	5
	INSTALLATION JUDGING GUIDELINES	
Site	Grading per plan, with naturalistic transitions between grades	10
Site	Boulders buried, placed for optimal artistic or naturalistic effect	5
Site	Plumb surfaces; good joints; no cracks; gradual elevation changes	5
Plants	Proper plant spacing	5
Plants	Good plant selection for health, form, and size	5
Plants	Proper planting – depth, placement, mulching	10
Trees	Good tree selection for health, form, and size	5
Trees	Optimal tree placement, planting depth, staking as needed	10
Trees	Proper pruning, and/or removal of dead or broken branches	5
Grass	Smooth even grade and texture; proper drainage	10
Irrigation	Elect. Installation – valves labeled, proper wiring and waterproof connectors	5
Irrigation	Programming of timer per plans, or per ET & soil needs	5
Irrigation	Good location of valves, timer/controller, backflow preventer	5
Irrigation	Timer labeled with stations, irrigation times in highest use month	5
Mulch	Proper installation of rock or bark mulch – even distribution, depth	5
Art. Turf	Smooth even grade and texture; no visible seams	5