



CLCA TROPHY AWARDS 2024

Celebrating Excellence

The California Landscape Contractors Association presents the Trophy Awards to:

- Encourage interest in landscaping
- Recognize the professionals who produce outstanding landscapes
- Bestow public recognition on companies, institutions, municipalities and residents for their interest in a beautiful California

Who Should Enter?

- Contractors with amazing projects
- Contractors who want to attract and impress potential clients
- Contractors who want to motivate their crews and generate company pride
- Contractors who want to strengthen their relationships with current clients
- You!

Entry Form and Instructions

To Enter

For each entry, please submit the following:

- Entry form
- Entry fee
- Digital images
- Plans, if entering Design/Build categories

**Save \$75 per entry!
Enter by August 9, 2024**

Entries received by August 9, 2024 qualify for a \$75 discount.

Deadline

The entry deadline is **August 16, 2024**.

Entries received after August 16, 2024 will not be accepted.

Mail entries to:

CLCA Trophy Awards 2024
1491 River Park Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815-4501

or email to: trophyawards@clca.org

Award Ceremony

Trophy Award winners will be announced November 15, 2024 at the CLCA Annual Convention in Newport Beach.

Questions?

Call CLCA HQ: (916) 830-2780

Email: trophyawards@clca.org

clca.org/2024trophyawards



THANK YOU TO CLCA'S 2024 ELITE PARTNERS!

Entry Rules

1. Entries received after August 16, 2024 will not be accepted. All entries submitted must include the original entry form, digital images, entry fee, and signed project owner's consent. For entries in Design/Build categories, submit plans. Incomplete entries will be returned.
2. Only Regular and Life Members in good standing may enter. Only one CLCA member company can submit a project for Trophy Awards consideration. No sharing of entries!
3. A separate, completed entry form must be submitted for each project in each category.
4. The major portion (51%) of each project (not property) submitted must have been completed by the entrant.
5. A member's residence or place of business or a family member's residence or place of business may not be entered.
6. Category cost limitations must be adhered to and written verification may be required.
7. Installation projects must have been completed after August 1, 2022. A project entered last year may be reentered in the same category this year if it did not win. There is a two-year limit on entries, based on the completion date of the project.
8. Once you have won a State Trophy Award, the winning project cannot be entered again, except in maintenance categories, which can be entered every third year after a win.
9. The entrant must have maintained maintenance projects from January 1, 2023.
10. Judges must be allowed access to the project.
11. Include the required high-resolution photos for each entry. See Photograph Guidelines on pages 5.
12. Plans are required for entries submitted in Categories 7 and 8: Design/Build and Design/Build Unlimited.
13. **With the exception of Water Features and Lighting, all subcontracted work IS considered work done by the contractor.**
14. For Category 12 (Water Features) and Category 13 (Lighting), no more than 25% of the work can be subcontracted.
15. Renovations must have 40% of the square footage in its original state.
16. Limit of **THREE ENTRIES** in the same category per contractor.

Disqualification

Entries may be disqualified if:

1. The entry form is incomplete or illegible.
2. The owner's consent has not been obtained.
3. In submitted photos, company representative is identifiable, or company branding is visible.

Violation of rules may result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees.

No refunds shall be made if an entry is disqualified.

Entry Checklist

- Review submission deadlines, page 1
- Review Entry Rules, page 2
- Provide contractor comments, page 8
- Enclose entry fee of \$250 (\$175 for early entries, no fee for Nelson Colvin Humanitarian Award entries)
- Submit seven digital photos, page 5
- Name one image (preferably horizontal) as "plaque"
- For entries in Category 13 (Lighting) submit night photos
- For entries in Category 6 (Landscape Renovation) submit three additional "before" photos
- For entries in Design/Build categories, submit plans
- Review submission deadlines, page 1

Judging Criteria and Procedures

Judges are selected on the basis of their knowledge, independence, integrity and objectivity.

Projects are judged anonymously. All entries will be evaluated according to quality of workmanship, quality of construction detail, quality of landscape materials and overall appearance. There is a possibility that a category may have no awards presented, even though entries were submitted.

Installation Categories Judging Criteria

1. **Finish Grading** Smooth gradual transitions of landscaped area, complete drainage of all excess water.
2. **Drainage** Concealment of day lighted pipe, use of proper catch basins, placement of drains, connections to downspouts, drainage for decks.
- 3-6. **Trees, Shrubs, Groundcover, Vines** Good healthy appearance, even branching, root ball planted at the proper height, and properly staked and tied. Evenly spaced and good growing condition.
7. **Turf** Smooth even grade with good physical appearance, even texture and good green color.
8. **Header Boards** Good tight lamination, proper staking, neat appearance.
9. **Irrigation** Strategic head setting, easy access to valves and controller, use of proper backflow device. Neatness in wiring.
10. **Masonry** Even mortar joints, true to grade. Neat and clean overall appearance. (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)
11. **Concrete** Proper grading, high quality finish, neat and clean. (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)
12. **Decks, Benches** High-quality materials with a good foundation and adequate structural strength, good construction detail.
13. **Fences** Plumb not warped, post set properly in concrete so water drains away.
14. **Water Features** Good circulation and aeration. High-quality finish and aesthetically pleasing in appearance. The pump must be running.
15. **Retainer** See #10. Sufficient vertical support for wood retainers. (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)

Maintenance Categories Judging Criteria

1. **General Appearance**
2. **Trees** Good healthy appearance, structurally pruned and properly staked. No mower or weedeater damage to trunks.
3. **Shrubs** Properly pruned, insect free with a healthy, vigorous appearance.
4. **Groundcover** Cover full and mature, edged neatly off walks and away from buildings. Trimmed around shrubbery and trees.
5. **Turf** Green and lush in appearance, weed free, mowed and edged neatly.
6. **Annuals** Well selected accent color, neat and weed free. Good quality for time of year.
7. **Irrigation**
8. **Planter Maintenance**
9. **Water Management**
10. **Water Features** (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)

Itemization: Where listed above, these aspects must be listed specifically on page 9 of the entry form in order to be judged. Entrants should ONLY list the parts of a project they were responsible for.

Award Categories

Installation

- 1 Small Residential**
Single family residence with landscape costs less than \$85,000.
- 2 Medium Residential**
Single family residence with landscape costs from \$85,001 – 150,000.
- 3 Large Residential**
Single family residence with landscape costs from \$150,001 – 300,000.
- 4 Residential Estate**
Single family residence with landscape costs from \$300,001 – 600,000.
- 5 Residential Estate Unlimited**
Single family residence with landscape cost greater than \$600,000.
- 6 Landscape Renovation**
Landscape renovation. 40% must be original.
- 7 Design/Build**
Project designed and installed by the contractor with landscape costs under \$250,000.
- 8 Design/Build Unlimited**
Project designed and installed by the contractor with landscape costs over \$250,000.
- 9 Small Commercial**
Entryway, median, building, facility or structure used for business, religious or rental purposes with landscape costs not exceeding \$400,000. Includes Model Homes, Condos/Townhomes/Apartments, Public Works/Sports, Parks & Athletic Facilities.
- 10 Large Commercial**
Entryway, median, building, facility or structure used for business, religious or rental purposes with landscape costs exceeding \$400,000. Includes Model Homes, Condos/Townhomes/Apartments, Public Works/Sports, Parks & Athletic Facilities.
- 11 Xeriscape**
An attractive, sustainable landscape that conserves water. Residential or commercial.
- 12 Water Features**
Any fountain, waterfall and/or pond.
- 13 Lighting**
Any landscape lighting.

Maintenance

- 14 Small Residential**
Complete landscape maintenance on any single-family residential property with monthly contract amount not exceeding \$1,000.
- 15 Large Residential**
Complete landscape maintenance on any single-family residential property with monthly contract greater than \$1,000.
- 16 Small Commercial**
Maintenance on project with monthly contract amount not exceeding \$3,000.
- 17 Large Commercial**
Maintenance on project with monthly contract amount greater than \$3,000.
- 18 Small HOA**
Maintenance on project with monthly contract amount not exceeding \$6,000.
- 19 Large HOA**
Maintenance on project with monthly contract amount greater than \$6,000.
- 20 Apartments/Condos/Townhouses**
Complete landscape maintenance on any apartment/condo/townhouse.
- 21 Public Works/Sports, Parks & Athletic Facilities**
Maintenance financed by public funds.

Humanitarian Award

- 22 Nelson Colvin Humanitarian Award**
Recognizes landscape contractors who donate more than half the total labor/materials to a project benefitting a worthy cause. Open to individuals or chapters. No entry fee required for this category.



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Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Please email Micheyl Barnett at micheylbarnett@clca.org if interested in improving your visibility among the green industry elite.

Submission Instructions

Photo Guidelines

For each entry, submit a maximum of seven digital photos. Photos should not be digitally altered in any way that does not maintain the integrity of the photo's content. Photos should be good quality and high resolution. Do not reduce file size when sending.

- Name one photo (preferably horizontal) as “plaque” — your choice to be used on the award plaque if you win.
- For entries in Category 13 (Lighting) submit night photos.
- For entries in Category 6 (Landscape Renovation), please submit three additional “before” photos.

This is your work — make it look great! Consider hiring a professional photographer. Remember that the photos can be used not only for this awards contest, but as a great portfolio and/or website addition. They can also be on display in your office year-round to dazzle clients.

Submitting Your Entry

Follow the instructions below to submit your completed Trophy Awards entry form and photos to CLCA by August 16, 2024.

Email entry form to: trophyawards@clca.org.

▶▶ To upload photos, please use **wetransfer.com** or **fromsmash.com** — free file upload services that make sending multiple large files quick and easy. You may also use **Dropbox** to share your photos.

Entry fee may be paid by credit card via phone by calling (916) 830-2780 or fax to (916) 830-2788.

OR

Mail entry form (include photos on a flash drive) **to:**

CLCA Trophy Awards 2024
1491 River Park Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815-4501



ENTRY FORM 2024 TROPHY AWARDS

Step 1: About Your Company

Entrant Information

Company: _____

Business Phone (include area code): _____

Company Representative Name: _____

Company Representative Phone (include area code): _____

Company Representative Email: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Your Chapter: _____

Architect/Designer

Firm Name: _____

Designer Phone (include area code): _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Subcontractors: List any subcontractors used to complete this project.

Step 2: Payment

Entry Fee (per entry)

\$250 (No fee for Nelson Colvin Humanitarian Award entries)

\$175 (For early entries received at CLCA HQ by Aug. 9, 2024)

If you are submitting one payment for multiple entries, please indicate total below:

_____ Number of entries at \$250 = \$ _____

_____ Number of early entries at \$175 = \$ _____

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard

Account #: _____

Expires: _____

CVC: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Submit

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1491 River Park Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento CA 95815
(916) 830-2788 fax
trophyawards@clca.org

Contact

CLCA HQ
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trophyawards@clca.org

Awards Presentation

Awards will be presented
November 15, 2024 at the
CLCA Annual Convention
in Newport Beach, CA.

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Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

Step 3: Entry Category

Choose one of the following award categories.
Consult page 4 for full descriptions.

Installation

- 1: Small Residential
- 2: Medium Residential
- 3: Large Residential
- 4: Residential Estate
- 5: Residential Estate Unlimited
- 6: Landscape Renovation
- 7: Design/Build
- 8: Design/Build Unlimited
- 9: Small Commercial
- 10: Large Commercial
- 11: Xeriscape
- 12: Water Features
- 13: Lighting

Maintenance

- 14: Small Residential
- 15: Large Residential
- 16: Small Commercial
- 17: Large Commercial
- 18: Small HOA
- 19: Large HOA
- 20: Apartments/Condos/Townhouses
- 21: Public Works/Sports, Parks & Athletic Facilities

Humanitarian Award

- 22: Nelson Colvin Humanitarian Award (No entry fee required for this category)

Step 4: Entry Details

Project Information

Project Name: _____

Project Owner: _____

Project Owner Phone (include area code): _____

Project Owner Cell Phone: _____

Special instructions for project access: _____

Site Specifics & Directions

PLEASE be specific! The judges can't evaluate your project if they can't find it!

Project Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Important: Include a map with the project area circled.

Directions from the nearest freeway to the job site. Include direction of travel and approx. mileage: _____

Is this project entered in an additional category? _____

Yes No

If yes, which category? _____

Has this project ever been entered in a previous CLCA awards program?

No Yes, in chapter Yes, in State

Check box if you have been a CLCA member for less than one year.

Check box if you will be attending the CLCA Convention, November 13-16, 2024 in Newport Beach, CA.

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Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

Step 5: Contractor Comments

Project Overview

Overall size of the owner's property (sq. ft./acres) _____ Size of the landscaped area (sq. ft.) _____

Contract price for this project _____ Date project started _____ Date project completed _____

Give the judges better insight to the scope of your project with informative contractor comments. Note any challenges, extreme conditions and special circumstances you overcame to complete this project. Attach extra sheets if needed. **Do not use the name of your firm.** Inspiration at clca.org/trophyawardsFAQ.

In this box, sketch property lines and structures. **Clearly indicate the actual areas to be judged.**
Please indicate the location of transformers and controllers.

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Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

Step 6: Project Details

DO NOT use any company names.

- Indicate on the lists below what is to be judged. Refer to your sketch on page 8. Itemize where required.
- All items of entire contract must be listed. Proof of contract may be required.
- Contractor comments are strongly encouraged, see page 8.

In the lists below, check the appropriate box for work:

A Completed by Your Company **B** Work Done Not As Part of the Contract

Installation Entries

SCORE

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
| 1. Finish Grading | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 2. Drainage | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 3. Trees | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 4. Shrubs | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 5. Groundcover | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 6. Vines | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 7. Turf | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 8. Header Boards | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 9. Irrigation | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 10. Masonry (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 11. Concrete (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 12. Decks, Benches (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 13. Fences | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 14. Water Features (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 15. Retainer (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

16. Other (Please Itemize)

- | | | |
|-------|---|-------|
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Maintenance Entries

SCORE

- | | | |
|---|---|-------|
| 1. General Appearance | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 2. Trees | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 3. Shrubs | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 4. Groundcover | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 5. Turf | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 6. Annuals | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 7. Irrigation | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 8. Planter Maintenance (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 9. Water Management (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 10. Water Features (Please Itemize) | | |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| _____ | A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

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Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

Step 7: Owner's Consent, Affidavit of Work Performed and Publicity Release

I/We hereby grant permission to enter our property or premises into the California Landscape Contractors Association's Trophy Awards.

I/we understand that no fees or charges of any kind are required of me/us.

By signing below, I/we verify that

(company name)

has: (check all that apply)

- Performed all landscape maintenance on this project continuously since January 1, 2023.
- Performed at least 51% of the installation work on this project and that this project was completed after August 1, 2022.
- Accurately recorded the Project Overview information on Step 5 (page 8).
- Completed the Project Details as indicated on Step 6 (page 9).

Project Owner's Signature

Date

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct, that all elements entered are under my (or my company's) prime contract, that I have listed all elements I have NOT installed or I am NOT maintaining that may be mistaken for work performed under my contract, and that the dollar value stated on these pages are in accordance with the contract amount plus any additional work performed.

Contractor's Signature

Date

Photo Permission

CLCA likes to share the beautiful work done by members! Please approve the use of provided photos by **checking ONE** of the following:

- Photos for this entry may be used on the CLCA Trophy Awards winners web page on clca.org and by CLCA for marketing and promotional material for the Trophy Awards, the association and the green industry. On the web page listing winners, photos will be identified by the project name provided in Step 4, page 7. On any promotional material the property owner's name(s) and address will not be identified. More privacy info at clca.org/trophyawardsFAQ.
- Photos for this entry may **ONLY** be used for the 2024 CLCA Trophy Awards judging and ceremony. If this box is checked, photos will **NOT** be posted to the CLCA Trophy Awards winners web page on clca.org.
- Photos for this entry may **ONLY** be used for 2024 CLCA Trophy Awards judging.

Project Owner Signature

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Entry # _____

Category # _____

Project: _____

OPTIONAL: Water Conservation



Don't let the water conservation efforts deter your Trophy Awards entries. The judges reward well-done irrigation systems and recognize the limits local officials and conditions may place on water usage.

In fact, creative compliance with local ordinances and water agency restrictions frequently results in a higher score from the judges, who want to recognize those who work within the rules to contribute to a beautiful California.

Please describe how local restrictions have impacted your entry or the process you used to complete your project. The judges cannot be familiar with the regulations of each of California's 400-plus water districts, so please describe the challenges this project faced.

Completing this Water Conservation Addendum is optional. Failure to submit this form would not disqualify your project, but may limit the judge's ability to fairly rank your project against the competition.

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