

# EMERALD AWARD

## What is NatureScape Emerald Award?

The NatureScape Emerald Award recognizes businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities (excluding Broward County agencies) and homeowners that have created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes or completed exceptional projects that demonstrate visible ecological practices (e.g., non-cypress mulch, rain barrels, composter.)

## How It Works

Round One - Committee evaluates and scores landscapes for the following: overall design, plant selection, curb appeal, tree canopy, wildlife habitat/habitat value and other special features - smart irrigation for example. Highest scores advance to second round.

Round Two - Judges score landscapes and select award winners. Award-winning landscapes typically have mostly local-native vegetation supporting local and migratory wildlife, ecological features such as littoral planting at water's edge, rain gardens.

SPECIAL NOTE: Landscapes that have [FLEPPC Category 1 or Category 2 invasive species](#) are not eligible.

## Categories

- Homeowner
- Business
- Municipality/School/Government
- Special Achievement