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Scorecard  
Sage Great Garden Awards

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Average	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
<b>Overall Garden Maintenance</b>	Consistently maintained garden. Lawn is neat, weeds controlled, plants healthy and thriving.	Garden is generally well-maintained with only minor areas needing attention.	Garden has some maintenance issues. Some areas show neglect.	Some significant maintenance issues. Weeds and overgrowth visible.	Garden is poorly maintained with visible neglect and disarray. Lawn is artificial turf.
<b>Creativity &amp; Design</b>	Highly creative and unique garden design with innovative use of space, plants, and features.	Good creativity and use of space, plants, and features, though could be more original.	Garden design is basic but functional, lacking originality.	Garden design shows little creativity, with limited use of space and plants.	No creativity or design; the garden feels disorganized.
<b>Curb Appeal</b>	Visually striking and inviting from the street. Clean, tidy, and well-maintained.	Appealing from the street with minor areas that need tidying or improvement.	Acceptable curb appeal, but could use more attention to detail.	Untidy or uninviting from the street, with visible clutter or neglected areas.	Poor curb appeal with visible clutter, neglect, or untidy areas.
<b>Maintenance Consistency</b>	Regular upkeep throughout the competition period, with no visible neglect.	Good upkeep with some minor lapses in maintenance.	Maintenance is inconsistent, with some areas well-kept, but others neglected.	Significant lapses in maintenance. Some areas regularly maintained, but others neglected.	No consistency in upkeep. Garden shows signs of neglect throughout the period.
<b>Sustainability &amp; Eco-friendliness</b>	Strong use of sustainable practices: native plants, water-efficient techniques, and eco-friendly materials.	Good sustainable practices, such as native plants or water-efficient methods.	Some eco-friendly practices, but could benefit from more sustainable choices.	Few sustainable practices used. Limited eco-friendly materials or water-efficient methods.	No sustainable practices used. Heavy reliance on non-eco-friendly materials or methods.



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<b>Final Appearance</b>	Garden is in pristine condition. Plants are healthy, clean, and well-maintained. Home exterior looks fresh and well-cared for.	Garden is in good condition. Some minor issues but overall neat and tidy.	Garden is acceptable, but requires attention to a few areas.	Garden shows visible neglect at the end of June. Some plants are unhealthy or untidy.	Garden is in poor condition at the end of June with significant neglect.
<b>Bonus Points for Unique Features</b>	Unique features such as vegetable patches, water features, sculptures, or creative DIY projects.	Some unique features that add interest to the garden, such as small projects or features.	A few basic unique features, but limited creativity in garden additions.	Minimal unique features, garden is mostly functional with little creative touch.	No unique features, garden feels entirely generic and lacks creativity.