

**City of Melbourne  
Beautification & Energy Efficiency Board  
Gems Award Nomination Form**

**Type of Property:**

Residential  Commercial  Public

**Address:**

**Contact Name:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Contact Email Address:**

Award Criteria Met -- Check all that apply:

**Emerald Award – Plant Materials (must meet at least three criteria to qualify)**

- Incorporate some Florida native plants into the landscape
- Have an invasive-free landscape
- Have a habitat for butterflies and other pollinators
- Trees are used to prevent erosion, provide shade and wildlife habitat
- Have a seasonal organic vegetable garden
- Have less than 50% of the landscape planted in turfgrass

**Sapphire Award – Sustainable Practices (must meet at least three criteria to qualify)**

- Composter
- Rain barrel
- Bat/bird housing
- Rain gardens and/or swales
- Gutters drain onto pervious surfaces
- Minimal use of pesticides and herbicides
- Solar lighting/features

**Diamond Awards – Combination of Sapphire and Emerald Practices, Plus (must meet at least three criteria to qualify):**

- Follow the City's fertilizer ordinance
- Irrigate according to St. John's Water Management District guidelines (<https://www.sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions/>)
- Hire only Best Management Practices Certified and licensed landscape professionals
- If homeowner mows their own lawn, grass clippings remain on turf – not bagged or left on paved areas, including streets and parking lots

- Electric or battery lawn mower used
- Micro irrigation or low flow irrigation used in landscape beds
- Rain sensor in working order
- Organic (bark, pine needles) mulch used to suppress weeds and conserve water

Email completed form to [Cheryl.Caldwell@mlbfl.org](mailto:Cheryl.Caldwell@mlbfl.org) or mail to the City of Melbourne ECO Division, 2885 Harper Road, Melbourne, FL 32904. For more information, call the ECO Division at 321-608-5080 or Todd Cook of the Parks Maintenance Division at 321-288-9633.