



# EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado



## CORONADO HOME FRONT JUDGING GREEN RIBBON WINNERS

In partnership with the Coronado Floral Association's Home Front Judging, Emerald Keepers is pleased to award green ribbons to 255 earth-friendly home fronts in the Village and Cays. Earth friendly home front winners are designed to beautify homes and maintained to benefit our environment by conserving water, promoting biodiversity, and nurturing the soil.

### GREEN RIBBON GUIDELINES

Concurrent with the Coronado Flower Show Home Front Judging, Emerald Keepers volunteers judged home fronts between March 31 and April 2 based on the following earth-friendly standards:

- Majority native or low water plants. These plants are adapted to our coastal climate so need limited water and support local biodiversity of birds, bees, butterflies, and insects.
- Limited to no lawn. Lawns are water intensive and high maintenance with limited benefit to soil or biodiversity.

- Limited to no artificial grass. Artificial grass is non-recyclable plastic that damages the soil and harms living organisms.

- Natural mulch covering soil. Mulches such as bark, rock, sand, or decomposed granite cover exposed soil to minimize weeds (and the need for weed killer) and retain moisture and nutrients to nourish plants.

- Majority ground surface unpaved. Unpaved surfaces allow for water absorption to replenish the groundwater supply and minimize runoff into storm drains that pollute our local waterways.

In addition, all earth-friendly home fronts met the Coronado Flower Show Home Front Judging guidelines of obvious effort and curb appeal.

### CASH BACK TO SWITCH

Homeowners interested in converting their grass (front, back or side yard and sidewalk strip) to earth-friendly landscape can receive a cash-back rebate of over \$1,100 from Coronado's



local water company, California American Water. Submit the rebate application before starting your earth-friendly landscaping project to ensure you qualify for the maximum rebate. More information can be found at [amwater.com/caaw/conservation](http://amwater.com/caaw/conservation).

### VISIT THE FLOWER SHOW

Visit Emerald Keepers' booth at the Coronado Flower Show April 15 and 16 to learn more about earth-friendly homes and other local environmental initiatives as part of Earth Month.

### TOP EARTH-FRIENDLY HOME FRONTS

This year's three winners earned an additional green rosette.

- 1. BEST EARTH FRIENDLY HOME:** 801 8th Street.
- 2. FIRST RUNNER UP:** 711 Country Club Lane
- 3. SECOND RUNNER UP:** 307 1st Street.

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