



NJDEP RECYCLING AWARDS 2020



Institution Award Princeton University

Princeton University recycles glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, corrugated cardboard, metal, food waste, wooden pallets, mattresses, textiles, tires, construction and demolition debris and more. The university purchased a composter which led to an additional 62 tons of food scraps being recycled from campus cafes. Princeton University also has a comprehensive reuse program for items left behind by students at the end of the school year.



Featured in photo: Twyla Seward



Business Award Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G)



PSE&G's company-wide commitment to recycling resulted in a 93 percent recycling rate in 2019. PSE&G recycles paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, plastic, and metal containers, but also the unique waste materials generated by a utility. PSE&G is not only focused on educating its employees about recycling, but also organizations and customers that interact with the company.

Featured in photo from left: Rebekah Cocola and Bridget Donnellan



Retail Merchant Award Burlington Stores, Inc.

Burlington Stores, Inc. recycled 8,200 tons of corrugated cardboard, 3,000 tons of wooden pallets, 630 tons of single stream recyclables and 70 tons of scrap metal and electronics from its New Jersey operations.



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Government Award

Township of Middletown

Department of Public Works and Engineering



Thanks to a comprehensive recycling program, which includes a curbside collection program, two recycling drop-off centers and a polystyrene recycling system, the township increased its recycling rate from 65 percent to 75 percent. Middletown conducted a waste audit of its curbside mix and subsequently launched an enforcement and education program to help residents better understand how to recycle properly.

Featured in photo from left: Joe Puzzo, Amy Sarrinikolaou, Mayor Tony Perry, Ted Maloney, Lory Hubbard



Leadership Award Long Beach Township

Long Beach Township implemented the first municipally-based food waste diversion program for oyster and clam shells in New Jersey. Diverted oyster and clam shells from restaurants are beneficially reused for establishing an oyster reef in Little Egg Harbor Bay. Thus far, the program has kept 90 tons of shells out of the landfill.



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Rising Star Award Lisamarie Schieli



Lisamarie Schieli, the Borough of Maywood's Recycling Coordinator, not only oversees and educates residents about the borough's curbside collection program, but has also implemented recycling and reuse programs for items such as books, sports equipment, prom dresses, jeans and more.



Outstanding Educator/ Educational Program Award Toms River Township Public Works Department



The Toms River recycling education program features a puppet show and related coloring book that educates over 1,000 students each year about recycling and litter prevention. The township's program also features Rocky the Robot, who educates residents about recycling at public events.



Recycling Industry Award

Foam Cycle LLC



Foam Cycle, LLC's recycling system for expanded polystyrene packaging was successfully incorporated into the operations at both county and municipal recycling centers and kept almost 29,000 pounds of this material out of landfills in 2019.



Source Reduction, Resource Management/Sustainability Award Merck & Co., Inc.

Merck & Co., Inc., a pharmaceutical company with its largest New Jersey sites located in Rahway and Kenilworth, has a comprehensive waste reduction, recycling and sustainability program. The company recycles food waste through two on-site food waste composters, recycles difficult-to-recycle lab plastics, implemented a reusable coffee mug program and strives for zero waste in all its in-house events.



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Volunteer Citizen Award

Sri Nihal Tammana



Text

Sri Nihal Tammana is an 11 year-old from Edison, New Jersey whose passion for the environment led him to start a non-profit organization dedicated to recycling batteries. Thus far, Sri's "Recycle My Battery" program has resulted in the recycling of over 35,000 batteries.

Featured in photo: Sri Nihal Tammana