



NJDEP RECYCLING AWARD WINNERS 2022



Business Award

Nestle Health Science

Through numerous recycling, composting and waste reduction initiatives, Nestle Health Science in Bridgewater, Somerset County, was able to keep 86 percent of the waste it generates out of the waste disposal stream in 2021. The company recycles a wide range of traditional materials, as well as food waste, personal protective equipment, wooden pallets, plastic and metal drums, and coffee pods.

Government Award

Village of Ridgewood, Division of Recycling

In addition to its comprehensive curbside collection program, the village of Ridgewood operates a recycling drop-off center that accepts food waste, textiles, electronics, concrete, printer cartridges and more. The village's Division of Recycling also does an outstanding job of educating residents about the recycling program through its website, flyers, green guide and more.



Featured in photo from left: Rich Calbi (Village of Ridgewood), Sean Hamlin (Village of Ridgewood), and Ky Asral (NJDEP)

Rising Star Award

Millville Executive Airport



The Millville Executive Airport in Cumberland County recycles polycarbonate runway signs, concrete, used oil and numerous materials from hangar cleanouts, as well as bottles, cans and paper from administrative and public spaces. The airport also made improvements to its internal recycling education program, including special training for maintenance staff.

Featured in photo from left: Jeff Foster (Millville Executive Airport), Al Fralinger (Millville Executive Airport), and Ky Asral (NJDEP)



Outstanding Educator/ Educational Program Award

Recycle My Battery

Recycle My Battery is a non-profit organization devoted to educating the public about the importance of battery recycling and increasing the number of batteries recycled. The Middlesex County-based organization uses press releases, flyers, magazine articles, YouTube videos, webinars, school talks, appearances at public events and other strategies to promote its mission. Recycle My Battery estimates that its various educational initiatives have reached more than 4.5 million people since the program's establishment in 2019.

Source Reduction, Resource Management/Sustainability Award

Atlantic Health System



Atlantic Health System promotes sustainability in the health care sector through numerous initiatives, including an innovative program in which Powered Air Purifying Respirators were used instead of disposable respirators during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through use of these devices, Atlantic Health System saved 2,400 disposable respirators from being used and disposed each day. Over the course of a year, this system-wide initiative removed 876,000 disposable respirators from the waste stream.

Featured in photo from left: Melissa Bonassisa (Atlantic Health), Karen Coppa (Atlantic Health), and Ky Asral (NJDEP)

Volunteer Citizen Award

Donald Cammus

Donald Cammus volunteered his time to Florence Township when the pandemic and later, a truck driver shortage, impacted recycling collection in his community. Seeing that his neighbors needed help and that the local recycling collection program was adversely impacted by these factors, he loaded his neighbors' recyclables into his own vehicle and brought the materials to the township recycling center. This often resulted in Mr. Cammus making multiple trips every day to the recycling center, resulting in the recycling of numerous items.



Featured in photo from left: Andrea Fox (on behalf of her father Donald Cammus), Ky Asral (NJDEP), and Martin Eckert, Jr. (Florence Township Recycling Coordinator)