



2022

NOMINATION PACKET

NJDEP

RECYCLING AWARDS

Recognizing Excellence in Recycling
Throughout New Jersey



Deadline: July 22, 2022

RECYCLING AWARDS

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in conjunction with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers, annually recognizes excellence in recycling. Our goal is to highlight the success of agencies, businesses, individuals and others who go beyond the norm to advance recycling and to make these examples available to others who may emulate them.

The deadline for nomination submittals is July 22, 2022

ELIGIBILITY

You may nominate yourself, your business/organization, or any other business, individual or organization worthy of recognition. Applicants or projects must:

- be located in New Jersey
- agree to share their project or program with others
- provide supporting documentation for a one-year period (2021)
- Award winners from the previous three years are not eligible to participate again this year
- Second party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to be considered for the award

AWARD CATEGORIES

The categories for these awards are outlined below. You must identify only one category for each nomination on the application form on page 7. The nomination will be judged against other entries in that category.

Institution

Any pre-school, elementary, intermediate or high school, hospital, long-term care facility, nursing home, college, university, or other institution that has implemented a recycling program or expanded an existing program.

Business

Any large or small business that has implemented a recycling program, expanded an existing program, and/or developed and implemented a sustainability plan.

Retail Merchant

Any large or small retail merchant who has implemented a recycling program or expanded an existing program.

Government

A county, municipality, or state agency/instrumentality that has expanded its recycling or buy recycled program.

Leadership

County, municipal, business, school or other recycling coordinators/leaders who have implemented new recycling programs, expanded existing programs or otherwise fostered the advancement of recycling through years of dedicated service.

Rising Star

Individuals or programs that have achieved exemplary recycling results in previously unsuccessful situations through innovation and persistence.

Outstanding Educator/Educational Program

Any teacher, administrator, community or student group, environmental educator or individual student whose actions have resulted in increased participation in recycling.

Recycling Industry

Any processing facility (Class A, B, C and D), manufacturer, equipment manufacturer, or collector who has contributed to the expansion of recycling in New Jersey.

Source Reduction/Resource Management/Sustainability

Any program that has reduced waste at its source and managed its resources in a more efficient and sustainable manner.

Volunteer Citizen

Any New Jersey resident who has, in a voluntary capacity, assisted in the promotion and implementation of recycling in New Jersey.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

Please document performance for 2021 using the following five criteria. The program narrative may not exceed 4 pages and the supporting documentation may not exceed 15 pages.

1. MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND DOCUMENTATION

Show us, through data or documents, the following:

- the nominee's recycling rate and materials recycled;
- any improvement over time;
- all recycled products purchased, and any written policy to do so;
- any reduction in resources used, or any change from toxic products to non-toxic alternatives;
- how the nominee funded and budgeted his project or program;
- any enforcement activities performed.

Samples may include weigh slips, bills of lading, bid specifications, budget sheets, buy recycled policies, etc.

2. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

How did the nominee educate both members of his institution/organization, and visitors or clients? What costs were incurred to implement the educational program, and how was this program funded? What rewards or sanctions were used? How many people were reached? Was the nominee able to change behavior, and if so, to what extent? How was that measured?

Samples may include promotional materials, signage, published articles, etc.

3. COVERAGE AND REPLICABILITY

Were innovations introduced across all branches of the organization? Can others learn from and adapt the nominee's program in their own organizations?

4. LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

How does this program, project or individual show leadership and take steps beyond "traditional" recycling? How does this project or individual build alliances or share information to approach problems? Describe such issues as originality, effectiveness in improving existing methods and any risks that were overcome.

5. EXCEEDING REGULATORY STANDARDS

How has the nominee exceeded regulatory expectations? Did the nominee collect materials not required, or serve clients that he did not need to serve?

Application Requirements

Submit the following

- Completed Application Form** (see page 7)
- Written Program Narrative** (no longer than 4 pages)
- Supporting Documentation** (no longer than 15 pages)

Dates to Remember

Application Due Date

July 22, 2022

Award Winners Notified

September 2022

Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

Fall 2022

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SUBMITTALS AND DEADLINES

Award applications should include all of the following 3 components: **your completed application form (see page 7), a program narrative (no more than 4 pages) and supporting documentation (no more than 15 pages)**. Electronic submissions of the entire nomination package can be sent to njrecycles@dep.nj.gov. All applications must be received by close of business on July 22, 2022.

Award winners will be notified in September 2022. Awards will be presented during an awards ceremony and luncheon in the fall of 2022. For further information, contact Steve Rinaldi, Bureau of Sustainability, at Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov. All entries are public information.

SCORING/EVALUATING

A panel of judges from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers will evaluate all applications. Each applicant may be awarded up to 100 total points, distributed as per the table below:

	Institution Business Retail Merchant Government Recycling Industry	Leadership Rising Star Outstanding Educator/Program Volunteer Citizen	Source Reduction/ Resource Management/ Sustainability
Measurable Outcomes	30%	10%	30%
Education and Outreach	20%	30%	20%
Coverage and Replicability	15%	20%	20%
Leadership and Innovation	20%	30%	30%
Exceeding Standards	15%	10%	0%

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY RECYCLERS

ANJR is a non-profit, non-partisan network representing public and private sectors whose mission is to promote sustainability by promoting sound resource management and recycling strategies through education, advocacy, and the enhancement of professional standards. ANJR firmly believes that New Jersey needs an integrated solid waste management plan, and will facilitate that plan with education and advocacy around the issues of recycling, source reduction, resource management, household hazardous waste management, buy recycled sustainability, composting, and litter prevention and reduction. www.anjr.com

ABOUT THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is committed to providing a high quality of life for the residents of New Jersey. It is our mission to assist the residents of New Jersey in preserving, sustaining, protecting and enhancing the environment to ensure the integration of high environmental quality, public health and economic vitality. We will accomplish our mission in partnership with the general public, business, the environmental community and all levels of government. For more information on the Department, please visit www.nj.gov/dep.

2021 Awardees



Business Award

Earth Friendly Products (ECOS)

Through numerous recycling and waste reduction initiatives, Earth Friendly Products (ECOS) was able to keep 98 percent of the waste it generates out of the waste disposal stream in 2020.



Government Award

Town of Westfield Department of Public Works

In addition to its curbside collection program, the Town of Westfield in Union County also operates an innovative recycling drop-off center that accepts a wide range of both traditional and non-traditional recyclable materials.



Leadership Award

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

The Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory recycled 52 percent of its municipal solid waste and 82 percent of its construction and demolition waste during 2020. The facility also runs several successful reuse programs.



Outstanding Educator/Educational Program Award

Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management

The Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management provides recycling education to residents, as well as to millions of visitors that vacation in the county during summer. Among other things, the county created and distributed thousands of copies of a Recycling Guide for Vacationers and a Boat Owners Guide to Recycling. The county also developed the Be Shore to Recycle Right igloo system, a series of collection containers placed at public sites to collect materials and educate visitors about recycling.

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Recycling Industry Award *Mazza Recycling Services Ltd.*

Mazza Recycling recycles glass bottles, metal cans, plastic containers, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard and more. In 2020, the company opened a state-of-the-art processing center for co-mingled curbside recyclable materials at its site and initiated a recycling education program.



Rising Star Award *Matthew Karmel*

Matthew Karmel, an attorney at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP, has worked diligently to support organic waste recycling efforts in New Jersey. He has provided pro bono legal representation directed at expanding community composting efforts in the state and played a key role in forming the NJ Composting Council.



Source Reduction, Resource Management, and Sustainability Award *Goodwill Home Medical Equipment*

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment reduces medical equipment waste by accepting donations of gently used medical equipment at all Goodwill donation sites. In serving more than 5,400 customers in 2020, the organization kept thousands of pieces of medical equipment out of landfills and helped those in need.



Source Reduction, Resource Management, and Sustainability Award *Matriark Foods*

Matriark Foods worked with a partner during the 2020 pandemic to rescue, upcycle and donate 620,000 pounds of food (the equivalent of more than 500,000 meals) that would have otherwise gone to waste. Matriark Foods used surplus vegetables from farmers to make a vegetable stew that was distributed to the hungry in northern New Jersey.



Volunteer Citizen Award *Matthias Choi*

Matthias Choi, 16, of Norwood, created the “e-Salvage” organization and website to help inform the public about the importance of electronics recycling.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2022 Recycling Awards Application

(Please submit this completed application form electronically along with the program narrative and supporting documentation.)

Name of Company/Association/Organization or Individual to be nominated: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Person Responsible for Preparing Application / Title: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Fax Number: _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____

Is this a second party nomination? Yes No

If Yes, please attach authorization from the nominated party.

Category of the nomination (Select One):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Institution | <input type="checkbox"/> Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Merchant | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Star |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educator/Educational Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Source Reduction/Resource Management/ Sustainability |

REQUIRED:

Provide a **brief** description of the company, organization or individual nominee, identifying the nominee's contributions to New Jersey's recycling program (no more than 2 paragraphs).