



2023

# NOMINATION PACKET

# NJDEP

## RECYCLING AWARDS

Recognizing Excellence in Recycling  
Throughout New Jersey



Deadline: July 21, 2023

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 21, 2023**

## 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 (2022)
- 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.

### Government

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

### Volunteer Citizen

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

### Retail Merchant

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

### 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.

### Recycled Products Procurement Star

Any business, institution, government agency or other organization that has implemented a post-consumer recycled products procurement program or expanded an existing post-consumer recycled products procurement program. (Note - Post-consumer recycled products are products that are made with a percentage of recycled content material that was derived from goods that were used by consumers, collected and then recycled.)

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Please document performance for 2022 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 where applicable:

- the nominee's recycling rate and materials recycled;
- any improvement over time;
- all post-consumer recycled products purchased, and any written policy to do so; the percentage of your total purchase of a specific product(s) that is for a post-consumer recycled product (for example, 100% of copy paper purchased is post-consumer recycled content copy paper.);
- any reduction in resources used, or any change from toxic products to non-toxic alternatives;
- how the nominee funded and budgeted their 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 their 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 they 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 21, 2023

**Award Winners Notified**  
September 2023

**Awards Ceremony and Luncheon**  
Fall 2023

## 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](mailto:njrecycles@dep.nj.gov). All applications must be received by close of business on July 21, 2023.

Award winners will be notified in September 2023. Awards will be presented during an awards ceremony and luncheon in the fall of 2023. For further information, contact Steve Rinaldi, Bureau of Sustainability, at [Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov](mailto: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/Recycled Products Procurement Star
<b>Measurable Outcomes</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Education and Outreach</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Coverage and Replicability</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Leadership and Innovation</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Exceeding Standards</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0%</b>

## 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/](http://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/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/)

# 2022 Awardees

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## Source Reduction, Resource Management, and Sustainability Award

### *Atlantic Health System*



## 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.



## 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.

# New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2023 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:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Person Responsible for Preparing Application / Title:

Nominator's Address:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominator's Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominator's Fax Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominator's Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is this a second party nomination?  Yes  No

If Yes, please attach authorization from the nominated party.

**Category of the nomination (Select One):**

- Institution
- Retail Merchant
- Leadership
- Educator/Educational Program
- Volunteer Citizen
- Business
- Government
- Rising Star
- Recycling Industry
- Source Reduction/Resource Management/ Sustainability
- Recycled Products Procurement Star

**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).