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## **2018 MCHENRY COUNTY GREEN AWARDS**

McHenry County Department of Health invites you to participate in our 2018 McHenry County Green Awards. Established in 1994, the awards recognize the waste reduction, recycling, and conservation efforts of our McHenry County businesses, institutions, organizations, and individuals. Are you currently involved with a waste reduction or recycling program? If so, then we want to hear about it! We would like to recognize the waste reduction and recycling efforts of our community. These innovative programs positively impact our recycling rates, provide services to our residents, and provide examples to others interested in providing similar services. If you know of a business, institution, organization, or individual deserving this recognition, then please feel free to nominate them for consideration. Entries received will be considered based on environmentally sound waste reduction or recycling efforts, innovation, and education. Award winners will be selected by the McHenry County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and will be recognized at special events throughout the year.

### **ELIGIBLE AWARD CATEGORIES**

- **Business** (manufacturing, retail, offices, hotels, restaurants, etc.)
- **Institution** (schools, hospitals, long term care facilities, government, etc.)
- **Organization** (associations, clubs, volunteer groups, etc.)
- **Individual**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 5, 2018**

### **YOUR PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Submit your nomination via e-mail at: [KLHecke@co.mchenry.il.us](mailto:KLHecke@co.mchenry.il.us) to reduce paper usage or by fax to 815-334-4637.

Please include the following information:

1. Describe your program accomplishments and efforts on the attached entry application.
  - **Reduction:** How your program generates less waste.
  - **Reuse:** How your program reuses materials or has partnered with others that beneficially reuse your materials.
  - **Recycling:** How your program separates recyclable materials from the waste stream.
  - **Re-Buy:** Does your program purchase recycled content materials that are recyclable?
2. **Innovation:** Include information about what makes your program unique or how it might become a model for others.
3. Provide information regarding how you measure the success of your program or activities. Include weight or volume data, or recycling rates if possible. Unit of measurement examples: tons, pounds, cubic yards, gallons, etc.
4. **Education:** How you have encouraged participation by customers, clients, patients, public, etc.
5. **OPTIONAL:** 1 or 2 digital photos of the nominee performing waste reduction or recycling activities.

#### **Four Simple Steps To Make One Big Difference: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, or Re-Buy!**

**Reduce:** Minimize the amount of waste produced. Switch from single use disposable items to reusable items. Consider purchasing quality long lasting products with minimal packaging.

**Reuse:** Use items up or repurpose items before discarding them. Consider donating useable materials instead of throwing them away. Bring reusable bags with you when shopping and declining a plastic bag.

**Recycle:** Many items are recyclable. Recycling creates raw materials or products from recyclable material.

**Re-Buy:** Close the recycling loop and purchase products made from recycled materials.

Should you have any questions or need assistance please contact Kristy Hecke, Solid Waste Manager, at 815-334-4585.

**Thank you and good luck!**

**YOUR PROGRAM SUMMARY**

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<b>Business/Institution/Organization/Individual Nominated:</b>
<b>Contact Person:</b>
<b>Address (<i>street, city, state, zip code</i>):</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>

<b>1. Date your program started:</b>
<b>2. Approximately how many people have participated or continually participate in your program?</b>
<b>3. Reduction: How your program generates less waste.</b> <b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⇒ Implementing green procurement or environmentally preferable purchasing. Example: purchasing less toxic materials, purchasing recycled content products that are recyclable, installing water-saving or energy-efficient devices, etc.</li><li>⇒ Generating less waste by reducing packaging size or reducing toxicity of waste.</li><li>⇒ Promoting a waste free lunch or no paper day.</li></ul>
<b>4. Reuse: How your program reuses materials or has partnered with others that beneficially reuse your materials.</b>



**5. Recycling: How your program separates recyclable materials from the waste stream. What are the materials that you recycle?**

**Examples:**

- ⇒ Implementing recycling services and providing conveniently located recycling containers.
- ⇒ Performing a waste audit of your cafeteria by comparing weights of garbage vs. recyclable materials.
- ⇒ Creating products from recyclable materials.

**6. Re-Buy: Does your program purchase recycled content materials that are recyclable? Describe.**

**7. Innovation: How you conceived your program. Include information about what makes your program unique or how it might become a model for others.**

**8. Education: How you have encouraged participation by employees, customers, clients, patients, public, etc.**

**9. Evaluation: Provide information regarding how you measure the success of your program or activities. Include weight or volume data, or recycling rates if possible. Please include any attachments if necessary.**

- ⇒ Unit of measurement examples: tons, pounds, cubic yards, gallons, etc.

**OPTIONAL: 1 or 2 digital photos of the nominee performing waste reduction or recycling activities.**