



2025 Recycling & Composting Awards Information

Recycle Colorado seeks nominations for our annual Recycling & Composting Awards. These prestigious awards recognize governmental entities, individuals, companies, media and organizations for their excellence in recycling and composting.

Please submit your nomination online at: <https://forms.gle/5Fwe6Ds8F4zsk2oP7>

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm

Award recipients will be notified by the second week in May & will be given free registration to the Awards Gala at the Summit on June 3rd at the Grand Junction Convention Center.

Recycling Award Categories - Not all awards are given each year

Outstanding Outreach Award	This award will be given to an individual, media outlet, educational institution (college, university, public/private school, school district, etc.), municipal entity (city, county or state government) or nonprofit organization that in the last year has worked to promote recycling, composting or waste reduction in Colorado. This could be through a community outreach program or a high-impact story that was covered in the media. Documentation and examples of outreach materials will support a stronger nomination.
Outstanding Elected Official	This award will be given to an elected official at any governmental level whose actions in office have significantly contributed to recycling and reducing waste in Colorado during the past year.
Outstanding Business Recycling/Diversion Program	This award will be given to a company or organization whose work and/or innovation has furthered and expanded recycling in Colorado. The business' primary function can be recycling, but this is not a requirement.
Outstanding Government or Nonprofit Recycling/Diversion Program	This award will be given to a public agency or nonprofit organization that leads by example, creating programs that effectively increase recycling and waste diversion.
'Mereth Meade' Outstanding Volunteer Of the Year	Mereth Meade (1931-2013), was an avid Recycle Colorado volunteer and recycling advocate. This award will be given in her honor to an individual whose volunteer actions have significantly contributed to recycling and reduced solid waste in Colorado during the past year. Examples of their volunteerism and advocacy will support a stronger nomination.
'Cara Russell' Rising Star	Cara Russell was an enthusiastic, positive, professional who led Recycle Colorado as the Executive Director for a short time before her passing. In her time with us she was willing to jump right into the recycling world. This award, given in her honor, will be given to an individual member that has demonstrated that same eagerness to jump right into the world of recycling, with passion and enthusiasm. This person has been deemed to contribute a significant amount of his/her time, resources and dedication to the organization for the betterment of the world around them. Examples of this person's passion will support a stronger nomination.
Recycler of the Year	This award will be given to an individual member whose actions have significantly furthered recycling and reduced solid waste in Colorado and the region during the past year. Examples of this person's actions will support a stronger nomination.
Lifetime Achievement	This award will be given to an individual member whose actions have significantly furthered recycling and reduced solid waste in Colorado and the region during their lifetime. Documentation and examples of this person's actions will support a stronger nomination.
Compost Champion	This award will be given to a person, company or organization whose work and or innovation in the field of composting and organics industry, service or research has further expanded composting/organics waste diversion or processing.

If you have questions or are unable to submit your nomination online, contact info@recyclecolorado.org