

## 2021 Recycling Excellence Awards Nomination Form and Guidelines

Throughout the state of Wisconsin, many efforts are ongoing to increase the effectiveness and accessibility of recycling and diversion programs. These efforts reduce the amount of waste buried in landfills, conserve our natural resources and have created thousands of jobs in Wisconsin. To recognize and encourage these efforts, the Wisconsin DNR presents Recycling Excellence Awards to communities, organizations, schools, and businesses who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in recycling and waste diversion.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** One of the goals identified in A Blueprint for DNR Climate Action 2021-2025 is to reduce per-capita food waste disposed of in Wisconsin landfills by half by 2030 (from 2020 levels). Please note- food waste recovery or diversion programs are eligible for Recycling Excellence Awards!

### Who is eligible?

- Any responsible unit (RU)/community, organization, school, or business in the state of Wisconsin who is nominated in accordance with the nomination guidelines below is eligible for an award.
- Any individual can self-nominate or submit a nomination on another's behalf.
- A nominee can be nominated multiple times for multiple awards but will receive no more than one Recycling Excellence Award every other year.

### Nomination guidelines

Nominees who meet the following criteria will be considered:

1. A 2021 nomination form must be submitted on behalf of the nominee including all relevant and supporting documentation before **midnight, September 17, 2021**.
2. The nominee must comply with the [basic requirements of a DNR approved recycling program](#) or [Wisconsin state recycling laws](#) including, but not limited to providing recycling services for materials banned from landfills. If applicable, the nominee must have met the collection standard for the year under consideration or have demonstrated significant program improvements from the previous year, as well as a dedication to continue to work towards meeting the standard in the future.
3. Only ongoing or completed actions during the previous calendar year (2020) will be considered. Nominations based on planned efforts will not be considered.
4. If submitting any photographs, be sure they are high resolution photos, and please complete and return the [Photo Release Form](#). Photos are highly encouraged!
5. If submitting a hard copy application (versus email), please submit 3 identical copies of your application. Please note, applications will not be returned.

Please use the nomination form on the reverse side of this page. Questions can be directed to Rachel Stark at 920-650-4064 or [Rachel.Stark@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rachel.Stark@wisconsin.gov) .

Once completed, please send your nomination, including this form and all supporting documentation to: [Rachel.Stark@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rachel.Stark@wisconsin.gov) **OR:**

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Attn: Rachel Stark WA/2  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

**All submissions must be postmarked or received by midnight September 17, 2021.**

## 2020 Recycling Excellence Award Nomination Form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Community/Organization/Business/School:

\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the award(s) you are submitting a nomination for:

- Excellence in Wisconsin Recycling: Project or Initiative
- Excellence in Wisconsin Recycling: Overall Program
- Excellence in Wisconsin Recycling: Special Events
- Excellence in Wisconsin Recycling: Innovation

If different than above:

Name of entity you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

County in which entity or special event is located: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach documentation** that describes the outstanding recycling or waste diversion achievements that deserve recognition. Please include dates, locations and recycling data where applicable and available. Applicants are also encouraged to submit a supporting narrative and materials such as outreach examples, high resolution photos, tables, charts, website links, etc.