

## RAM AWARD ELIGIBILITY

Individuals or recent programs contributing to the betterment of recycling or other resource conservation efforts in the state of Minnesota are eligible for RAM awards. A RAM member must make nominations using the award application. Below is the list of award categories and the criteria to qualify for each category. Note: a nominee does not need to be a RAM member.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Green Project Award

This award recognizes a special green project in Minnesota that has demonstrated outstanding environmental results.

### Public Service Award

This award recognizes an elected official who has demonstrated outstanding service for the betterment of recycling and the environment.

### Recycler Of The Year

An individual, group, business, public entity or organization that has demonstrated outstanding service as a recycling service provider or advocate.

### Denise Kolar Award

Honoring a member of RAM who has devoted a tremendous amount of energy, goodwill and effort to benefit RAM.

## RAM Awards for 2015 –

- Public Service Award – Sibley County Commissioners & Env Serv.
- Denise Kohler Award – Nathan Reinbold
- Recycler of the Year Award – Dem-Con companies
- Green Project Award – Gem-Ash Processing, LLC & SKB Environmental, Inc
- Special Appreciation Awards – Westrock and Allstate/Peterbilt

## RAM Awards for 2014 –

- Public Service Award – Rep. Frank Hornstein
- Denise Kohler Award – Michael Reed
- Recycler of the Year Award – Ed Ranson
- Green Project Award – Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

## RAM Awards for 2013 -

- Public Service Award – Sandra Colvin-Roy, City of Minneapolis City Council
- Denise Kohler Award – Sandy Gunderson
- Recycler of the Year Award – Lydell Newby, Mall of America

## RAM Awards for 2012

- Public Service Award – Laura Hotvet - presented in recognition for your outstanding public service on the Shorewood City Council and your continued dedication to make Shorewood and eco-friendly City. **Thank you for your leadership in increasing your City's recycling rates, adding organics service for your residents and reducing waste in schools.**
- Denise Kolar Award – Doug Lien – presented in recognition of your valuable contribution to this organization which has been an asset to growing and enhancing the promotional tools for RAM. The environmental artwork you contributed will be used and enjoyed for years to come!
- Recycler of the Year – Bill Fouks - presented in recognition for your unwavering devotion to recycling in Minnesota and your successful management of the Carver County Environmental Center. Your

efforts have led to huge increases of recyclable, reusable, compostable, and hazardous materials being diverted from landfills. Thank you for your time, effort, and dedication!

- Green Project Award – Chisago County Environmental Services – presented in recognition of your trailblazing alternative energy efforts at your Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Within one year of installation, the solar array produced over 50% of energy consumed at the facility and has paved the way for new alternative energy projects.
- 2012 Good Samaritan Award - Kurt Seitzer - presented the Good Samaritan Award in recognition for your selfless act of heroism going above and beyond the call of duty to save a life.

#### RAM Awards for 2011

- Public Service Award – Governor Mark Dayton - In recognition for your outstanding public service as Governor of Minnesota and your dedication to maintaining our beautiful State. Thank you for championing environmental causes and requiring the State to lead by example to reduce, reuse, and recycle to preserve our natural resources and create jobs in Minnesota. You have been a true friend to recycling and to RAM. Thank you for positively impacting recycling in Minnesota!
- Denise Kolar Award – Jim Wollschlager
- Recycler of the Year Award – Nancy Lo - In recognition for your unwavering dedication to recycling in Minnesota. Wherever you are, wherever you go, you never miss an opportunity to educate, instigate, and infiltrate a recycling bin. You have the power to motivate others to change their behavior and have **done so to benefit not only the individuals, organizations, and events you've worked with, but also have created a greater sense of community and a greater Minnesota. Thank you for all you've done to increase recycling and better our state!**
- Green Project Award – City of St. Paul, Xcel EnergyCenter, RiverCenter, Progressive Associates - In recognition of St. Paul RiverCentre, and Xcel Energy Center achieving sustainability goals with assistance from Progressive Associates. For their system upgrade resulting in 50% waste reduction, 50% recycling, increased energy efficiency, and newly added renewable energy features, RAM thanks St. Paul RiverCenter, Xcel Energy Center, and Progressive Associates, for being a role model and leading example of a green event center.

#### RAM Awards for 2010

- Public Service Award - Rep. Melissa Hortman
- Denise Kolar Award - Amy Ulbricht
- Recycler of the Year Award - Menards, Great River Energy and Center for Energy and the Environment for the CFL recycling program hosted at Menards
- Green Project of the Year Award - Twins Stadium, Target Field

#### RAM Awards for 2009

- Public Service Award - Ginny Black
- Denise Kolar - Marcus Zbinden
- Recycler of the Year - Best Buy
- Green Project of the Year - City of Elk River

#### RAM Awards for 2008

- Public Service Award - Rep. Brita Sailer (D-Park Rapids) for her outstanding public service as a member of the MN House of Representatives and advocacy for many environmental initiatives, including final passage of significant electronics recycling legislation.
- Recycler of the Year Award - Carver County Environmental Services & RW Farms In recognition of the Carver County Organics Demonstration Project.
- Denise Kolar Award - Ellen Telander in recognition of her dedication to the Recycling Association of Minnesota.

#### RAM Awards for 2007

- Public Service Award - Rep. Paul Gardner (D-Shoreview) his policy-making efforts and consistent support for recycling initiatives will have a positive impact on the recycling industry and on our state's environment now and in the future. In addition, we thank him for his dedication, contributions, and years of service to the Recycling Association of Minnesota as its Executive Director from 1997 - 2006.
- Recycler of the Year Award - ATHC is recognized for playing a key role in assisting RAM with the implementation of the Message in a Bottle recycling program. This "away from home" recycling program has become an instant success by diverting valuable recyclable materials from being landfilled or incinerated.
- Denise Kolar Award - Tim Goodman in recognition of his dedication to the Recycling Association of Minnesota.

#### RAM Awards for 2006

- Public Service Award - Sherburne County Commissioner Rachel Leonard for her efforts to promote the use of recycled materials in public buildings in the County.
- Recycler of the Year Award - City of Wayzata, Hennepin County Environmental Services, Randy's Sanitation, and NRG Processing Solutions/Specialized Environmental Technologies for the successful curbside organics recycling program in Wayzata.
- Denise Kolar Award - Jean Lundquist for her service as Board Chair and helping on the National Recycling Congress.

#### RAM Awards for 2005

- Public Service Award - Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak for his efforts to promote electronics recycling in Minnesota.
- Recycler of the Year Award - Northeastern Minnesota Mattress Recycling Program for its successful efforts to divert mattresses from landfills in a cost-effective way.
- Denise Kolar Award - Kris Hageman and Dan Krivit for their many hours of leadership and service for the National Recycling Congress held in Minneapolis in August 2005.

#### RAM Awards for 2004

- Public Service Award - Sen. Linda Higgins (D-Minneapolis) and Rep. Ray Cox (R-Northfield) for their efforts to promote electronics recycling in Minnesota.
- Recycler of the Year Award - Minnesota Waste Wise, "It's in the Bag" plastic bag recycling program
- Denise Kolar Award - Mark Heieren for his many years of service to the organization.

#### RAM Awards for 2003

- Public Service Award - Rep. Dennis Ozment (R-Rosemount) for his support of the SCORE funding system for recycling.
- Recycler of the Year Award - LDI Fibres, for its commitment to using recycled fiber and being active in the recycling community.
- Denise Kolar Award - Brita Sailer for her commitment to recycling in Greater Minnesota and to RAM.

#### RAM Awards for 2002

- Public Service Award - Sen. Leonard Price (D-Woodbury) for his support of the SCORE funding system for recycling.
- Recycler of the Year Award - Brian Sams, Redwood County, for his extraordinary and creative efforts in achieving a 60+% recycling rate in Redwood County.
- Denise Kolar Award - Susan Bast, Dakota Valley Recycling, for her long-time service on the board and for the organization.

#### RAM Awards for 2001

- Public Service Award - **"Recycled Products Education Kit Team"**
  - Dan Schoepke, Washington County

- Denise Rotty, Dakota Electric Association
- Susan Bast, Cities of Burnsville & Eagan
- Ron Lifson & Myrna Rustad, LDI Fibres Inc.
- Dawn Nibbe, Liberty Carton
- Joan Archer, Minnesota Soft Drink Association
- Recycler of the Year Award - Liberty Diversified Industries
- Denise Kolar Award - Kristin Pierskalla, Hennepin County Environmental Services for her efforts to promote recycling, recycled products, and America Recycles Day.

#### RAM Awards for 2000

- Public Service Award – Ginny Black, Plymouth City Council
- Recycler of the Year Award – MN Department of **Administration's** Materials Management Division, Central Stores and the Resource Recovery Office, David Fisher
- Denise Kolar Award – Gayle Prest

#### RAM Awards for 1999

- Public Service Award – Senator Janet Johnson (D-North Branch) and Rep. Willar Munger (D-Duluth)
- Recycler of the Year Award – St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium
- Denise Kolar Award – Bill Dunn

#### RAM Awards for 1998

- Public Service Award – Anoka County Commissioner Paul McCarron
- Recycler of the Year Award – Jim Bosch, Target
- Denise Kolar Award – Ann Brovold

#### RAM Awards for 1997

- Public Service Award – Rep. Jean Wagenius
- Recycler of the Year Award – Susan Waughtal, SEMREX
- Denise Kolar Award – Kris Hageman

#### RAM Awards for 1996

- Public Service Award – Senato Gene Merriam
- Recycler of the Year Award – Nick Nichols, Houston County
- Denise Kolar Award – Jean Buckley