



Recycling Association of Minnesota 2018 Annual Awards Information

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is committed to increasing recycling in Minnesota to improve the social and economic health of our citizens, businesses, institutions and future generations. The RAM Board of Directors wants to recognize the outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations that embody these values and benefit recycling in Minnesota.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

Individuals, businesses, or organizations that have contributed to the betterment of recycling or other resource conservation efforts in the state of Minnesota are eligible for RAM awards. Only RAM members can submit an award application, however, a nominee does not need to be a RAM member. Below are the award categories and the criteria to qualify for each category.

Award applications must be received by August 31, 2018.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Green Project Award

This award recognizes a special green project in Minnesota that has demonstrated progressive leadership of an environmental issue with outstanding results.

Criteria for award:

- 6 months' worth of data history to prove the green project is working well
- Demonstrate innovation through reducing waste, carbon footprint, water usage or other environmental issue important to Minnesota
- Goals to expand the program in the near future
- Preference given to RAM member

Public Service Award

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

Criteria for award:

- History of public service for the betterment of recycling and resource conservation

- Grasp of operational details of the recycling industry
- Consistent support for recycling initiatives, proposals or programs
- Seeks input on recycling and resource issues from diverse groups or individuals from an inclusive approach to policy making

Recycler of the Year

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

Criteria for award:

- Display initiative and commitment to recycling (such as expanding types of materials collected)
- Demonstrate innovation and leadership in recycling (such as having an above average recycling rate)
- Active in recycling market development or environmentally preferable purchasing (including buying recycled)
- Support of groups with environmental focus through contributions or in-kind donations
- Preference given to RAM member

Denise Kolar Award

Denise Kolar, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, Solid Waste Program Coordinator, was one of RAM's founders and devoted many years as a board member and volunteer.

The Denise Kolar award honors a member of RAM who has devoted a tremendous amount of energy, goodwill and effort to benefit RAM.

Criteria for award:

- Donated an exceptional number of hours to RAM projects
- Provided a positive example of leadership
- Introduced new members or sponsors to RAM

Please send applications to Sandy Gunderson (slgunde@co.becker.mn.us) no later than August 31, 2018. Applicants will be notified of decision by September 21, 2018. All awards will be given at the 2018 Annual RAM/SWANA Conference Dinner and Awards Banquet on October 15, 2018 at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. All award winners will receive one free banquet registration.

For further information or questions, please contact Sandy Gunderson (slgunde@co.becker.mn.us or (651) 641-4589).