



## 2022 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: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022RCAwards](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022RCAwards)

**Submission Deadline:** July 29 at 5:00 pm

Award recipients will be notified by the second week in August.

### Recycling Award Categories

<b>Outstanding Outreach Award</b>	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. A link to an actual article or examples of outreach materials could also be submitted.
<b>Outstanding Elected Official</b>	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.
<b>Outstanding Business Recycling/Diversi on Program</b>	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. Organics and electronics programs fall into this category.
<b>Outstanding Government or Nonprofit Recycling/Diversi on Program</b>	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. Organics and electronics programs fall into this category.
<b>'Mereth Meade' Outstanding Volunteer Of the Year</b>	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.
<b>'Cara Russell' Rising Star</b>	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.
<b>Recycler of the Year</b>	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.
<b>Lifetime Achievement</b>	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.
<b>Compost Champion</b>	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 [president@recyclecolorado.org](mailto:president@recyclecolorado.org)**