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Huzzah! Announcing our 2018 Award Winners

On October 2nd, NRC recognized the 2018 annual award winners, seven Nebraska communities, businesses, and individuals who have demonstrated excellence in recycling efforts, innovation, and loyalty. Congratulations to our winners! Click on each picture to watch their award video.



Nebraska Innovation Campus
Member of the Year



American Recycling
Service Provider of the Year



Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Green Team of the Year



BD Pharmaceutical Systems
Zero Waste Award



City of Lincoln
Waste Diversion Project of the Year



Hofeling Enterprises
End Market of the Year

Not Pictured: Kevin Creevan of VerMaas Construction, *Volunteer of the Year*

2018 Awards Luncheon Recap



NRC Award's Luncheon featured keynote, Jerry Powell, founder/owner of three respected industry magazines, *Resource Recycling*, *E-Scrap News* and *Plastics Recycling Update*. After a witty opening on journalists and journalism, Jerry Powell's keynote address began with an admonition that despite seismic trends rocking the recycling industry, we need to be calm. Recycling remains very successful, and recycling systems are flexible and resilient. He went on to outline the most important trends in play.

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Shout Out to a Few Members

Congratulations are in order for **Firststar Fiber** recently named MRF of the Month [as published in the Resource Recycling Magazine!](#) The Omaha facility was the first in Nebraska to install optical sorters, robotic sorting technology and partner with the Hefty EnergyBag program.

KETV of Omaha [recently ran a story](#) on Johnson Recycling Solutions (**Mil-tek Central Recycling & Waste Solutions**) and their work with Glacial Tills Vineyard & Winery and their new piece of equipment, the GL Sand Bottle Crusher. Congratulations to Jeff and Dianna Johnson!



NK Waste & Recycling and Recycling of Valentine, Nebraska is now accepting glass that is being transported to **Ripple Glass**. Grant funding through NRC helped facilitate this program! [Read the press release.](#) *Photo credit: North Central C RC&D - Valentine glass recycling ribbon cutting*

Webinars & Events

Sustainable Business in Nebraska: Building an Ecosystem

Free Webinar | Thursday, Oct 18th | Noon - 1:00 p.m. | [REGISTER](#)

Sustainable Materials Management on Tribal Lands: Building and Abandoned Mobile Homes Deconstruction Electronics Recycling

Free Webinar | Wednesday, Oct 14th | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | [REGISTER](#)



Global Best Practices: Packaging EPR's Role in the Circular Economy
Free Webinar | Wednesday, Oct 31st | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. | [REGISTER](#)

Articles of Interest



[Metering Residential Garbage Can Pave the Way to Zero Waste](#)

Pay as You Throw, or unit-based pricing, is the single most effective way to educate and motivate residents to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.

[Still weighing heavy](#)

Still the CRT problem looms large, spurring lawsuits, bankruptcies and frustration for all types of groups and businesses. Here is a look at four important CRT developments that have unfolded in recent months.

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