

## Nebraska Recycling Council's Annual Awards Luncheon

## Friday, October 4, 2019 at the Country Club of Lincoln

The Nebraska Recycling Council's Business and Community Awards will be presented at our Annual Awards Luncheon, Friday, October 4, 2019 at The Country Club of Lincoln. All NRC members are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for applications is July 31, 2019.** Nominations may be made in more than one category. Self-nominations are welcome. Winners will be notified in advance so NRC can produce a brief video presentation.

## **Award Descriptions**

**Commonwealth Award** recognizes a business, organization, or individual that gives its time, talent, and treasure to the community in which it operates to improve the natural environment or health, welfare, and common good for all stakeholders through better materials management.

**End Market of the Year Award** is presented to a local, regional or international member organization that utilizes recycled commodities from Nebraska recycling generators, processors, collectors and haulers for the manufacture of new goods. The organization is committed to the highest ethical standards that support the recovery of Nebraska's resources.

**Green Team of the Year Award** recognizes a highly-organized, mature green team with the capacity to sustain itself and engage other employees. The team will have implemented systems to identify impacts, set goals, prioritize and implement projects, measure performance and review processes.

**Zero Waste Award** recognizes a business, community, or organization that has made significant strides to reduce inputs, reduce waste, recycle and/or reuse by-products, and create a closed looped system for materials handling. A diversion rate of at least 50% must have been reached, and the entity will have created a written plan that outlines how they will reach a 90% diversion rate. Zero waste is defined as a landfill diversion rate of at least 90%.

Waste Diversion Project/Product/Service of the Year Award is presented to a business, community, or organization for a project, product, or service that demonstrates exemplary, innovative, and measurable waste reduction, eliminates or replaces hard-to-recycle materials, and/or creates a closed loop system for recycling or reuse. The recipient applies the highest possible standards for responsible resource management.



## 2019 Nebraska Recycling Council Awards Application

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Check award category applying for:		
Commonwealth Award		
☐ End Market of the Year Award		
Green Team of the Year Award		
Zero Waste Award		
☐ Waste Diversion Project/Product/Service	of the Year Award	
Name of Organization	Primary Contact Name	
Street Address	Phone/Email	
City/State/Zip	Nominated by (if different from primary contact)	
Number of Years as a Member	Phone/Email	

**Narrative:** Please provide answers to the following statements. Up to two supplemental materials may be included if it directly supports the argument for nomination.

1. General description of achievement(s) related to the award category.



2.	Description of leadership and innovation that lead to the achievement(s).
3.	Data that verifies the measurable effect of the achievement(s).
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4.	Impact of waste reduction or zero waste efforts on: stakeholders (community, employees, customers, supply chain); environmental impact and financial impact.
5.	Any additional information that might be a factor for consideration, (e.g. employee
	engagement, community involvement, new company policies, product/process improvement, etc.)