

2009 Recycle Guys Awards

Call for Entries



*Honoring South Carolina's
Top Recycling Programs, Projects & People*



The Recycle Guys Awards Program

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling (Office) is pleased to call for nominations for the 15th annual Recycle Guys Awards Program.

Each year the Office honors the top recycling programs, projects and people in South Carolina for outstanding achievement in a variety of categories. The 2009 award

winners will be recognized at a luncheon on March 2, 2010 in Columbia at The Medallion Center (7309 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia).

Please join our efforts to recognize innovative and successful solid waste management programs, projects and people. You can't win if you don't enter!

Entry Guidelines, Deadline & Judging

Individual programs, projects and people are encouraged to nominate themselves – no one knows what you do better than you.

The entries are to reflect activities from fiscal year (FY) 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009). Entries must consist of a completed Data Sheet (see page 4) and either responses to the Award Criteria listed on page 4 (limited to one page, front and back) or an essay (see page 3). **Please be as detailed as possible since only the information included in the entry will be considered when selecting award recipients.**

Electronic entries are preferred. If entering electronically, please submit the Data Sheet and responses to the Award Criteria or essay as a Microsoft Word, portable

document file (PDF) or text file. Send electronic entries to thompsr@dhec.sc.gov. If mailing an entry, send it (only one copy) to S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling, ATTN: Sharon Thompson, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Supporting publications, photographs (digital preferred), video tapes, CD-ROMs and media coverage are welcome, but not required.

Entries MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED by 5 p.m. on January 15, 2010. Entries will be judged by a panel of Office staff and recycling professionals. The Office reserves the right not to present an award in any category.

Recycle Guys Award Categories

For each of the awards below, please submit a completed Data Sheet and address the Award Criteria on page 4.

Recycling Professionals of the Year

These awards are given to the recycling professionals who have made significant contributions in waste reduction and recycling during the past FY. *Awards will be given to a recycling professional from a municipal government, county government, state agency and collegel university.*

Solid Waste Director of the Year

This award is given to a local government solid waste director who has made a significant contribution in support of waste reduction and recycling during the past FY.

Outstanding Local Government

Used Oil Recycling Program

This award is given to the outstanding local government (county or municipal) used oil recycling program of the past FY.

Outstanding County

Waste Reduction/Recycling Programs

These awards are given to the outstanding county waste reduction and/or recycling programs of the past FY. *Awards will be given to a small (population 49,999 or less), medium (population 50,000 to 149,999) and large county (population 150,000 or more).*

Recycle Guys Award Categories (continued)

Outstanding Municipal Waste Reduction/Recycling Programs

These awards are given to the outstanding municipal waste reduction and/or recycling programs of the past FY. *Awards will be given to a small (population 19,999 or less) and large municipality (population 20,000 or more).*

Outstanding State Agency Waste Reduction/Recycling Program

This award is given to the outstanding state agency waste reduction and/or recycling program of the past FY.

Outstanding Federal Agency/Facility Waste Reduction/Recycling Program

This award is given to the outstanding federal agency/facility waste reduction and/or recycling program of the past FY.

Outstanding College or University Waste Reduction/Recycling Program

This award is given to the outstanding college or university waste reduction and/or recycling program of the past FY.

Volunteer of the Year

This award is given to a person, group or organization that through volunteer work successfully promoted waste reduction and recycling in their community during the past FY. *Local governments, state agencies and colleges/universities are not eligible, but are encouraged to submit nominations.*

Outstanding Recycling Event

This award is given to recognize an outstanding recycling event. Both events to promote recycling and recycling collection events will be considered. *Local governments, state agencies, colleges/universities, schools and community groups are eligible.*

Recycling Center Attendant Recognition

A recycling center attendant from each county will be recognized during the awards program. Each county is asked to select **one** outstanding attendant using its own criteria and submit his or her name to the Office.

Essay Awards

For the awards below, please submit a completed Data Sheet (see page 4) and an essay (500 words or less) that describes how the individual or school being nominated demonstrates the following qualities. The award recipient should demonstrate a strong commitment to waste reduction/recycling, serve as a leader among peers and contribute significantly to a local recycling program.

Recycling Student of the Year

This award is given to a student who has actively participated in a waste reduction/recycling program and/or has been involved in promoting waste reduction/recycling at school or in the community.

Recycling Teacher of the Year

This award is given to a teacher who has implemented or expanded a school recycling program and/or has incorporated the waste reduction/recycling message into the classroom.

Recycling School of the Year

This award is given to a school that has implemented a successful waste reduction/recycling program.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award

This award is given to an individual – at the staff level – who makes recycling happen. Whether driving a collection truck, sorting recyclables, operating a baler or providing other support services, these individuals are invaluable to the success of recycling in South Carolina. *Individuals from local governments, state agencies and colleges/universities are eligible.*

Award Criteria

Address each of the five criteria below for the program, project or person being nominated. Responses should be numbered one through five and addressed in order. Limit responses to one page, front and back. Point values are shown in parentheses to indicate the relative weight of each criterion. Remember materials (photographs, video tapes, publications, etc.) to support the nomination are welcome, but not required.

1. Explain why you are nominating this program, project or person. **Only include FY 2009 activities.** *(This is required, but no points are assigned.)*
2. Provide a measure of the nominee's success (i.e., recycling rate; participation rate; amount of material recycled; amount of waste reduced, prevented or composted; materials collected and customers served) in FY 2009. **(40 POINTS)**
3. Describe the educational methods and awareness efforts used by the nominated program, project or person in FY 2009. **(30 POINTS)**
4. Describe any new aspects of the nominated program/project or describe how the nominated person has expanded the program in FY 2009. **(20 POINTS)**
5. Describe any partnerships that have been developed or existing partnerships that have been built upon by the nominated program, project or person in FY 2009. **(10 POINTS)**

Data Sheet

Program, Project or Person Nominated

Award Category: _____

Program, Project or Person Nominated: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Person Submitting Nomination

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Remember, the deadline for entries is January 15, 2010. For more information, call 1-800-768-7348.