

Excellence in Recycling Awarded 2015



Recycling Leadership Awards

- Strong recycling leadership across multiple award categories.

Government Category

Emmet County

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Emmet County provides exemplary recycling services to not only its own residents but also to the residents of Presque Isle, Cheboygan and Otsego Counties. With a comprehensive program including residential and commercial curbside collection, 13 public drop-off sites, public space event recycling, and an outstanding, innovative education and outreach program, Emmet County has achieved an impressive 42 percent overall recycling rate and an 80 percent household participation rate. The county continues to strive to add nontraditional often difficult to recycle materials and prides itself in marketing their recyclables to Michigan businesses whenever possible. Emmet County's demonstrated excellence in multiple award categories earns them the Government Category Recycling Leadership Award.

<http://www.emmetcounty.org/recycle/>



Business Category

Herman Miller

Herman Miller is recognized as an outstanding recycling leader for their recycling rate of 49 percent, their education and outreach programs including the “Imagine This” design competition at the William C. Abney Middle School in Grand Rapids, and their closing-the-loop achievements. Herman Miller’s outreach programs have reached over 120 middle school students and more than 2600 high school students and staff. Herman Miller’s new sustainability strategy, Earthright, calls for designing products that have safer chemistry, reduced life cycle impacts and are part of a closed-loop system. Their demonstrated excellence in multiple award categories earns them the Recycling Leadership award.

http://www.hermanmiller.com/research/topics/all-topics/reuse_reduce_recycle_designing_products_and_processes_for_sustainability.html



Steelcase

Steelcase is recognized as an outstanding recycling leader for their recycling rate of 73 percent, their persistent internal education and recycling access initiatives, and their closing-the-loop achievements. Among other education and outreach techniques, Steelcase partners with Padnos to offer household recycling to all employees on Steelcase campuses and hosts an Earth Day electronics recycling collection for employees. Steelcase encourages their product development teams to include recycled content in new products, to create products that can be easily disassembled and recycled, and to ship with little to no packaging needed. In addition to valuing internal design for recycling, Steelcase maintains a program known as Phase 2 which assists customers in selling or recycling old furniture. Their demonstrated excellence in multiple award categories earns them the Recycling Leadership award.

<http://www.steelcase.com/products/storage/waste-recycling/>

