



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

EMERALD AWARD PROGRAM

The **Emerald Award Program** is designed to recognize businesses, government, individuals, or organizations in Broward County demonstrating a commitment to protecting and preserving our environment. The Emerald Award Program recognizes exemplary performance in the following Categories: **Pollution Prevention/Hazardous Waste Reduction, Recycling, Green Products/Practices, Innovative Procedures/Process Improvement, NatureScape, and Sea Turtle Protection.** A brief description of each Category is as follows:

POLLUTION PREVENTION/HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION

This category recognizes facilities, business, or government entities that excel in the reduction or elimination of pollution or waste while increasing the efficient and sustainable use of resources at the source (source reduction) instead of at the end-of-the-pipe or stack. You must have a current EPD Hazardous Material Management Facility License to be eligible for an award in this category.

RECYCLING

This category recognizes facilities, business, or government entities that make a significant contribution to reducing solid waste that is deposited into a landfill by recycling at least 30% of all solid waste generated at one location.

GREEN PRODUCTS AND PRACTICES

This category recognizes facilities, business, or government entities that sell, manufacture, or produce products and services that generate less toxic pollution and waste, conserve natural resources and habitats, encourage sustainable behavior, and minimize global warming and ozone depletion.

INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES/PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

This category recognizes facilities, business, or government entities that institute the use of technology upgrades or changes to processes in order to generate less waste, become more energy efficient, or to conserve natural resources.

NATURESCAPE BROWARD

This category recognizes certified businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities, and homeowners, that have created and maintained landscapes that are drought tolerant, provide food, water, and shelter for wildlife, and utilize landscape best management practices.

SEA TURTLE PROTECTION

This category recognizes facilities, business, government entities, non profit organizations, or individuals that advocate for the protection of sea turtle nesting areas by shielding the nesting areas from light, protecting the nesting areas from disturbance, and volunteering to count nesting locations and eggs.

Every business that applies for an Emerald Award certificate is required to be free of environmental enforcement actions for a period of one year prior to the date the application is submitted. Additionally, each category has its own set of additional requirements.

When applicants successfully fulfill the requirements for any of the identified categories, they become eligible for an Emerald Award Certificate. Emerald Award Certificate recipients will also have their names and e-mail addresses placed on our Emerald Award website (www.broward.org/pprd/emeraldaward) and will receive beneficial advertisement recognizing their achievements.

At the end of the calendar year, all Emerald Award Certificate recipient's applications will be reviewed and the recipients that excel in each category may be selected for an *Emerald Award Trophy*. The Emerald Award Trophy winners will be invited to attend an award ceremony and reception. At the Emerald Award Trophy Ceremony an *Environmental Business of the Year Emerald Award Trophy* will be awarded to the one Emerald Award Certificate recipient who has excelled in efforts to protect the environment.



EMERALD AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION



Applicant Name: _____

Emerald Award Certificate category applying for (please select all that are applicable):

- RecyclingPollution Prevention/Hazardous Waste Reduction Green Products/Practices
- NatureScape Innovative Procedures/Process Improvements Sea Turtle Protection

Physical Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address: _____

Type of business or industry: _____ Number of employees _____

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Telephone number: _____ Fax number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Web site Address: _____

Current EPD Hazardous Material Management Facility License # (if applicable): _____

How did you hear about the Emerald Award Program: _____

Please provide a brief description of why you qualify for an Emerald Award Certificate. You may attach additional sheets if necessary: _____

Applicant certification:

- I volunteer to uphold the standards of the Emerald Award by continuing to utilize environmentally friendly methods in my business practices.
- I understand that the use of the Emerald Award logo is a privilege and that rights to the logo are owned by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.
- In the past year, I have not received, nor are there any pending environmental enforcement actions against the business applying for this certificate.
- To the best of my knowledge, I am in compliance with all environmental requirements at the federal, state, and local levels.

Applicant Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to: EPD Emerald Award Program (EAP), 115 S Andrews Ave, Room A-240, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Keep a copy of the application for your files. Call 954-519-1257 for additional information.