



Emerald Award

Categories for Business Recognition

Sponsored by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners
And The Environmental Protection Department

Businesses are eligible for Emerald Certificates in six categories. The Environmental Business of the Year and Trophy winners will be chosen from among all certificate holders. Trophies will be awarded in both small (15 or fewer employees) and large business categories.

Pollution Prevention/Hazardous Waste Reduction

- This category recognizes facilities, businesses, or government entities that excel in reducing or eliminating the generation of 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 Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Hazardous Material Management Facility License to be eligible for an award in this category.
- An example might be using a less-toxic parts cleaner instead of mineral spirits.

Recycling

- This category recognizes facilities, businesses, 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.
- An example might be collecting scrap metal and having it picked up for reuse rather than throwing it away.

Green Products and Practices

- This category recognizes facilities, businesses 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.
- An example might be selling recycled paper or selling less toxic cleaners.

Innovative Procedures/Process Improvements

- This category recognizes facilities, businesses 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 conserve natural resources.
- An example might be retrofitting your lighting system to reduce your electricity demand.

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 integrated pest control/fertilizer practices.

Sea Turtle Protection

- This category recognizes facilities, businesses, government entities, nonprofit 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.

