



# Village of Northbrook

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## Green Business Award Program Information

### Purpose

The Village of Northbrook is a committed partner to improving the environment and encouraging sustainable practices. To this end, the Village recognizes the importance of government, residents and businesses working together to set and reach goals of environmental sustainability. For this reason the Board of Trustees and Environmental Quality Commission have created the Green Business Award Program. The Green Business Award program will seek to promote continued environmentally-friendly business practices in Northbrook by recognizing organizations that have taken steps with meaningful results to make a positive impact on the environment.

### What Types of Practices May Be Recognized by the Green Business Award

The Village is seeking businesses that are taking steps to minimize their negative impact on the environment. While these efforts may take many forms, categories that the Environmental Quality Commission would like to highlight are included below. Businesses are encouraged to identify all the “green” efforts they have implemented to demonstrate their steps to minimize their environmental impact.

- A. Waste Reduction, Recycling, & Composting
- B. Water Conservation
- C. Energy Conservation
- D. Employee Education & Awareness of Sustainable Practices
- E. Transportation
- F. Air Quality and Emissions
- G. Certified green building
- H. Other (Installing rain gardens, Monarch butterfly way stations, improving storm water runoff quality, etc.)

### Examples

- Installing recycling containers and implementing an employee recycling program;
- Complete energy efficiency improvements such as installing high efficiency or Energy Star rated equipment, installing energy efficient doors/windows, or insulation;
- Encouraging use of public transportation or biking for employees to get to work;
- Implement a ride share program or install outlets for electric cars;
- Implement a waste reduction, recycling, and/or compost program;
- Retrofitting of plumbing fixtures to Water Sense rated products;
- Purchase of power from wind, solar, or hydro sources;
- Install daylight harvesting system with control sensors to reduce the need for artificial lighting;
- Construction of or build out of facilities to LEED (or similar accrediting agency) standards;

### Eligibility

A business must be located within the corporate limits of the Village of Northbrook and be current with all applicable licenses and inspections.

### How to Apply

Complete and email an application and send it to [matt.morrison@northbrook.il.us](mailto:matt.morrison@northbrook.il.us). Only email submissions will be accepted.

### Questions

Questions about the Green Business Award program or how to apply for the award can be answered by the Public Works Department at 847-272-4711 or [matt.morrison@northbrook.il.us](mailto:matt.morrison@northbrook.il.us).

### Application Timeline

The process will open February 1, 2019, and applications will be accepted until March 8, 2019. Winners will tentatively be announced at an April Village Board meeting.

### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed of representatives of the Village of Northbrook's Environmental Quality Commission.

### How the Program Works

Businesses in Northbrook are asked to fill out an application. Applications will be reviewed by members of the Selection Committee. Businesses should be as specific as possible with the description of their efforts, include pictures of where they have done improvements, and where possible quantify the benefits of their programs/improvements (i.e. reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>, reduction in water usage, etc.). One winner will be chosen.

### Awards

Winner(s) will be announced at a Village Board meeting in April 2019. Winners will be recognized in the Village Newsletter. Winner will receive a plaque and a Green Business Award Winner window cling and may be recognized at a Village event such as Earth Day or a Village of Northbrook Board of Trustees meeting.