

# Village of Niles Green Business Award 2017

## **History**

The Village of Niles has established itself as a committed partner to improving the environment and encouraging sustainable practices. The Village recognizes the importance of government, residents and businesses working together to reach ambitious goals of environmental sustainability. The Green Business Award program promotes environmentally-friendly business practices in Niles.

## **Purpose**

This program is designed to encourage businesses in Niles to adopt environmentally sustainable practices, such as waste reduction, conservation of water and energy efficiency.

## **Benefits**

The benefits of being a sustainable business are reduced electric and water utility costs, effective use of building materials, enhanced health and productivity, long-term economic returns and a reduced environmental impact.

## **Criteria**

Each business will be scored on their progress in a certain category of sustainability. Please fill out the entire application (all sections). Each year, a business may apply under any of the following categories:

- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Water Conservation & Stormwater Pollution Prevention
- Energy Conservation
- Public Education & Awareness
- Transportation

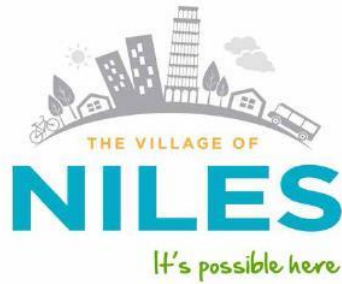
## **Example Projects**

Unsure if your project qualifies? We welcome all applications and encourage businesses to think outside the box. The following are some examples of possible initiatives that your business has already undertaken:

- Installing Recycling Containers
- Planting Native Species
- Low Energy Lightbulbs
- Replace Water Heaters/Appliances with High Efficiency
- Employee Volunteer Work
- Using Recycled Content Materials
- Green Cleaning Supplies

## **Eligible Businesses**

All businesses located in the Village of Niles.



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## **How to Apply**

Complete and email an online application (found at [vniles.com](http://vniles.com)) or mail in the form to Village Hall:

Village of Niles  
Attn: Niles Sustainability Committee  
1000 Civic Center Drive  
Niles, IL 60714  
[rck@vniles.com](mailto:rck@vniles.com)  
847-588-8074

## **Application Timeline**

The process opens March 1<sup>st</sup> and accepts applications until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Winner(s) will be announced at the Village Board meeting in December and again at the Niles Chamber of Commerce Leadership Luncheon.

## **Selection Committee**

The selection committee is composed of the Village of Niles Sustainability Committee, the Village of Niles Economic Development Coordinator and a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

## **How the Program Works**

Businesses in Niles are asked to fill out an application in order to report on their sustainable business practices such as recycling, energy saving efforts, water conservation, and more. Businesses should fill out the entire application.

Each application is scored by each member of the selection committee. A winner is chosen based on the highest average score. The business which shows the greatest amount of impact is selected as the *winner* and other businesses with strong showings could be awarded the category of *honorable mention*.

## **Number of Awards Each Year**

One *winner* is awarded each year. Up to three *honorable mentions* can also be awarded each year.

## **Awards**

Winner(s) will be announced at the Village Board meeting in December and at the Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry Leadership Luncheon in January, as well as special features in the Winter and Summer Focus on Niles newsletter, the Village of Niles Facebook page, the Village of Niles website and on Police and Fire marquees for the months of January. Winner(s) will receive a plaque and Green Business Award Winner window clings, as well as a feature on a banner along Milwaukee Avenue.