

Mayor's Recycling Award 2008

Nomination for Amy Lanning and the Sedro-Woolley High School Life Skills Students

Amy Lanning and her Sedro-Woolley High School Life Skills students have saved Sedro-Woolley School District approximately \$30,400 over the last eight school years, by keeping more than 5 tons of aluminum and plastic out of Sedro-Woolley's solid waste stream. As soon as Lanning began teaching here in 2000-2001, she launched her students into recycling bottles and cans throughout the school every day, saving approximately \$100 per week (in the 38-week school year).

In addition to the plastic and aluminum, the Life Skills students have been recycling five gallons of vegetable waste each day for six years. That's 5,400 gallons total, or 163 residential garbage cans all lined up! They recycle the food waste by vermicomposting – feeding vegetable matter from the cafeteria to worms. These lucky worms live in worm bins that the students made. The worm bin materials were a donation from local businesses, through a PrepWork Consortium/School-Community Partnership.

To set up the bottle and can recycling program, Lanning and her students collected five-gallon green pickle buckets from local restaurants. They then attached the buckets to the sides of garbage cans in the school's hallways and cafeteria. From there, the students collected the full buckets each day, sorted the cans and bottles (a messy job that took organization), crushed the cans in a crushing unit, and made sure they washed the buckets weekly.

All of the recycling and composting efforts at the high school provide vocational and leadership skill-building for the Life Skills students.

In 250 words or less please tell us a story about your nominee. Your narration must include how the nominee and/or their program impacted the recycling the community.

- Tell us what is useful, unique, successful or noteworthy about this effort.
- What progress has been made and how success was demonstrated.
- Describe the program, quantity and type of recycled materials and how much waste was diverted by recycling.

You **MUST** provide one picture ACTION picture of the program you are nominating, this means having people in action (doing things) in your photo. Pictures of containers by themselves are not useful in telling the story.

Please send the nomination form and supporting documentation via email or regular mail so that is received by *August 1, 2008!* Be sure and choose the category which you think is the most applicable for your nominee. The committee reserves the right to move to other categories.

	<i>Please check a box below to indicate for which category your nominee is being submitted.</i>	<p>Criteria for Awards The Awards Committee selects all award recipients. Areas of consideration include; overall environmental and economic benefit, level of commitments, innovation, economic benefit and transferability</p>
X	Recycler of the Year- Individual	This will be given to an individual whose actions have significantly furthered recycling and reduced solid waste. What did this individual accomplish that distinguishes them? Was the nominee's work above and beyond the normal scope of their duties?
	Recycler of the Year- Business (Generator)	This will be given to a company or organization whose primary business is not recycling, but who supports recycling efforts through diversion of waste.