

Reuse Centre wins Emerald Award

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The City of Edmonton's <u>Reuse Centre</u> has won an Emerald Award for environmental excellence.

Presented by the Alberta Emerald Foundation, the awards celebrate outstanding environmental achievement across the province. The Reuse Centre won the Government Institution



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award for demonstrating an ongoing commitment to the environment and exceeding normal practice.

The Reuse Centre promotes the benefits of reuse and diverts waste from landfill by accepting reusable items and making them available to others. The Reuse Centre is unique as it deals with items that are not accepted elsewhere. The Centre also offers educational programs, workshops and grants for community organizations who want to host reuse fairs.

The Reuse Centre opened in 2007. It accepts about 243 tonnes of donated items each year, 92 per cent of which are kept out of the landfill. The Centre is supported by more than 300 volunteers and sees nearly 30,000 customers annually.

The City's <u>Master Naturalist Program</u> was an Emerald Award finalist in the category of Public Education and Outreach. This program offers Edmontonians an opportunity to learn and be involved in the stewardship of local natural areas.

The 25th annual Emerald Awards were presented earlier this week.

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