



# Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc.

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## Jackson County resident honored for recycling efforts

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board and the state's 50 solid waste authorities, is honoring **Recycling Champions** who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry in the Mountain State. These Recycling Champions provide recycling leadership across the state and make a significant contribution to the recycling community.

The Coalition is proud to honor Jackson County's Frank Young, who has dedicated over 20 years of service toward the development and continuation of a recycling program in his county. Largely a volunteer, Young has been the primary person to oversee and manage the day-to-day recycling operations to ensure conscientious Jackson County residents have and will continue to have the opportunity to recycle a large portion of their waste products.

In the early 1990s, when the program was just starting and funding was very limited, Young loaned the program trucks from his wrecker service to transport materials from the various recycle drop-off locations to the recycling center. This went on for an extended time before the Jackson County Solid Waste Authority was able to purchase a truck for that task.

Among many other things, Young has assembled countless grant applications to secure funding for the county recycling program. Young also reached out to the adjacent counties of Mason and Roane to assist their recycling efforts by helping process and market materials. Young has made presentations at schools, clubs, and other events about the Jackson County program and the importance of recycling. Young's son David recently jokingly commented that his dad had never really taken a vacation because he was afraid he would miss a piece of cardboard that didn't get recycled in Jackson County.

A presentation Frank Young for the Recycling Champion Award will take place in Council Chambers of the Ripley City Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016

### Other 2016 West Virginia Recycling Champions include:

Wally Reynolds, nominated by the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority  
City of Bridgeport, nominated by Harrison County Solid Waste Authority  
Ron Williams, nominated by the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority  
Brian Wilmoth, nominated by the Marion County Solid Waste Authority  
Claude Marra, nominated by the Pleasants County Solid Waste Authority  
Harold Lowe, nominated by the Roane County Solid Waste Authority  
Craig Morris, nominated by the Taylor County Solid Waste Authority  
Stuart Thayer, nominated by the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority  
Dr. G. Paul Richter, nominated by the Upshur County Solid Waste Authority

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals through the promotion of purchasing products made with recycled content material; by coordinating and facilitating activities relative to recycling; and by fostering communication among organizations, government agencies and individuals through the sharing of ideas and resources.

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