

2008: The Year of Zero Waste - Eco-Cycle's Year in Review

Eco-Cycle has a lot to be proud of looking back on 2008! It was a busy and successful year: Eco-Cycle won six awards (the most ever in one year), made national headlines, launched two national Zero Waste campaigns and introduced several tools to take our community closer to Zero Waste. Here is a timeline of the highlights...



FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Eco-Cycle helps launch [COOL 2012](#), a national effort to keep Compostable Organics Out of Landfills by 2012, citing that compostable organics like food and paper release the greenhouse gas methane when landfilled.

Executive Director Eric Lombardi discusses Zero Waste, the Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM) and his first recycling memories on [National Public Radio](#) (NPR).

Eco-Cycle's [Zero Waste Event Kit](#) is awarded the Outstanding Recycling Innovation Award from the National Recycling Coalition (NRC).

The Zero Waste Event Kit receives the [Environmental Achievement Award](#) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Eco-Cycle receives the [Boulder County Gold People's Choice Award](#) for best non-profit organization from the Camera.

Four [Green Star Schools](#) receive grants for Zero Waste parties, eliminating the waste in all classrooms at all four annual school parties.

The City of Longmont becomes only the second city in the Rocky Mountain area to [commit to Zero Waste](#) with a council resolution.