

## ***Northern Rockies Environmental Action Challenge:***

### **Boost Green Waste Diversion with Northern Rockies Vermicompost**

#### **OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES**

ENTRY IN THE CONTEST CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE CONTEST RULES.

#### **1. Contest Period:**

March 4, 2024 – February 28, 2025.

Winners will be selected on the following dates:

- May 15, 2024 9:00am PST
- August 14, 2024 at 9:00am PST
- November 13, 2024 at 9:00am. MST; and
- February 28, 2025 9:00 a.m. MST,

Community Advocate Award and Creative Composting Showcase

- March 21, 2025 9:00am MST.

#### **2. Contest Categories:**

2.1. Top Vermicomposter:

- a) Individuals, groups and businesses compete to achieve awards for vermicomposting.
- b) Winners will be determined by random draws of ballots received through participation in tipping green waste at the Northern Rockies Landfill Transfer Station or utilization of local green waste pick-up service.

2.2. Community Advocate Award:

- a) Individuals, groups and businesses actively promote and educate others about the Northern Rockies Vermicompost Program.
- b) Judging criteria include outreach efforts, community engagement, and documentable impacts on increasing awareness and is based on the Community Advocate Evaluation Matrix which can be found online: [northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/](http://northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/) or at the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) Municipal Hall or Recreation Centre.

2.3. Creative Composting Showcase:

- a) Individuals, groups and businesses share creative and innovative uses for vermicompost in their homes or gardens.

- b) Judging criteria include creativity, practicality, and sustainability of the showcased applications and is based on the Creative Composting Showcase Evaluation Matrix that can be found online: [northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/](http://northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/) or at the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) Municipal Hall or Recreation Centre.
- c) Participants agree that materials submitted for the purpose of this contest may be used for promotional, educational and/or informational materials produced by the NRRM, and may be published in any and all media by third parties.

### **3. Entry:**

3.1. No purchase necessary.

3.2. Top Vermicomposter – Persons may request a ballot for entry each time they tip green waste at the Northern Rockies Landfill Transfer Station, or provide a verified invoice to NRRM Town Square or NRRM Recreation Centre Front Counter identifying organics collection pick-up service dates. Ballots may be submitted at ballot boxes located at NRRM Municipal Hall and the NRRM Recreation Centre.

3.3. Community Advocate Award – Persons may enter the contest by completing the online form and submitting evidence of their outreach efforts, ie) organizing workshops; distributing informational materials; engaging with local communities, or testimonials, through the *Northern Rockies Environmental Action Challenge Online Portal*: [northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/](http://northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/)

3.4. Creative Composting Showcase – Persons may enter the contest by completing the online form and including a description of innovative ways to make vermicomposting part of everyday life and supporting visuals (including photos and videos) through the *Northern Rockies Environmental Action Challenge Online Portal*: [northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/](http://northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/)

3.5. Participants must adhere to the Vermicompost Program Guidelines provided by the program.

### **4. Eligibility:**

4.1. The Contest is open to:

- a) Individuals
  - i. must be residents of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (the “NRRM”), Fort Nelson First Nation, or Prophet River First Nation.
  - ii. A parent or guardian of a person under the age of 19 may enter the contest on a minor’s behalf;
- b) Groups (Clubs, Organizations, Community Groups):
  - i. Groups must be active within the NRRM; and
  - ii. A group must include at least one member submitting the entry on behalf of the group if the group is not an incorporated entity;
- c) Businesses of all sizes within the NRRM:
  - i. Must hold valid NRRM business licenses.

- ii. Must be entered by the business corporation or the individual behind the sole proprietorship.

4.2. The NRRM, NRRM elected officials, NRRM senior staff (excluded managers), and Environmental Advisory Committee members who are appointed to the panel of judges for the Community Advocate Award and Creative Composting Showcase and their immediate families are not eligible. In these Official Contest Rules, “immediate family” means spouse, parents, siblings, and children.

4.3. Prizes must be claimed by winning participant, participant parent or guardian or delegated representative of groups and businesses.

## **5. Prizes**

### **5.1. Top Vermicomposter:**

- One of four (4) \$250.00 Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates drawn on the following dates:
  - May 15, 2024 (drawn on from all eligible entries received from 9:00 a.m. MST on March 4, 2024 to 8:59 a.m. MST on May 9, 2024)
  - August 14, 2024 (drawn on from all eligible entries received from 9:00 a.m. MST on May 9, 2024 to 8:59 a.m. MST on August 7, 2024)
  - November 13, 2024 (drawn on from all eligible entries received from 9:00 a.m. MST on August 7, 2024 to 8:59 a.m. MST on November 6, 2024)
  - Feb 28, 2025 (drawn on from all eligible entries received from 9:00 a.m. MST on November 6, 2024 to 8:59 a.m. MST on February 21, 2025)
- Grand Prize: \$1000.00 Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate drawn on Feb 28, 2025 from all eligible entries received during the Top Vermicomposter Contest Period.

### **5.2. Community Advocate Award:**

- Grand Prize: \$500.00 Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate, recognition in local media and community newsletters.
- Runner Up: \$250.00 Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate.
- Decisions announced March 21, 2025

### **5.3. Creative Composting Showcase:**

- Grand Prize: \$500.00 Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate, recognition on the Northern Rockies Vermicompost Program website and the NRRM’s social media platforms
- Runner Up: \$250.00 Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate
- Decisions announced March 21, 2025

### **5.4. Overall Prize Total: \$3500.00.**

5.5. Chances of winning the contest in each category will depend on the number of entries received.

5.6. The prizes must be accepted as awarded.

5.7. All costs associated with collecting a prize will be the sole responsibility of the winner, including taxes and fees associated with prize receipt and/or use.

## **6. Judging Panel:**

6.1. A panel of experts in vermicomposting, sustainability, and community development will evaluate entries based on the specified criteria for each category. Judging criteria can be found on the following website: [northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/](http://northernrockies.ca/EnviroChallenge/)

6.2. Application of the judging criteria and decisions related to disqualification are made by the judges in their sole discretion and are not subject to appeal or challenge.

## **7. General Rules**

7.1. By participating in this contest, each entrant and winner agrees to:

- a) be bound by these contest rules and the decisions of the NRRM; and
- b) release and hold harmless the NRRM and its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, costs and expenses (including lawyer's fees and litigation expenses on a solicitor and client basis) whatsoever to which any of them may become subject arising from actions or omissions by the entrant.

7.2. By participating in this contest, each entrant and winner agrees that the NRRM may post the winner's name on its website/social media/media.

7.3. Personal information is collected under the authority of Section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*. Information provided to enter this contest will be used only to administer this contest and for no other reason.

7.4. All decisions of the NRRM in relation to the contest will be final and binding on all entrants.

7.5. The NRRM reserves the right to cancel, terminate, or suspend this contest, at its discretion, at any time without prior notice.

7.6. The NRRM will notify the winning entrant via email or telephone. If the NRRM does not receive a response within seven days, the NRRM will not make a second attempt to contact the selected entrant. If the selected entrant fails to contact the NRRM within this time, they will be considered to have forfeited any potential claim to a prize and an alternate entrant will be selected.

7.7. In order to successfully claim the prize, a selected entrant must answer a skill-testing question. If the selected entrant does not successfully answer the skill-testing question on his or her first attempt, he or she will be considered to have forfeited any potential claim to a prize.

7.8. Each prize claim is subject to verification by the NRRM or its designated representatives. The NRRM is not responsible for lost, late, or incomplete entries. The NRRM is not responsible for any miscommunication, failed communication systems, software malfunctions, or for any human errors in connection with this contest.

7.9. Upon receiving of the prize, the winner must sign a declaration and release of liability, releasing the NRRM and its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from any liability, losses, damages, claims and/or expenses which may be suffered in connection with the contest prize.

7.10. The contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations, as well as these Official Contest Rules.