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Nominations open for 2012 Green Toronto Awards

Nominations open today for the 2012 Green Toronto Awards, the City of Toronto's Environmental Awards of Excellence.

The City of Toronto, in partnership with Green Living Enterprises, invites Toronto residents to nominate the individuals, community groups, organizations and companies that are leading the way to a cleaner, greener Toronto.

Winners will receive a Green Toronto Award, \$5,000 courtesy of award sponsors, and be honoured at a special evening of awards and music at the Green Living Show.

Categories open for nomination:

- **Community Projects** — grassroots initiatives that green our neighbourhoods
- **Green Business** — leadership in green business practices, strategies and products
- **Local Food** — increasing local food production and consumption
- **Energy Conservation** — energy conservation and renewable energy initiatives
- **Environmental Awareness** — raising environmental awareness and promoting stewardship
- **Green Design** — sustainable homes, buildings, products
- **Leadership** — outstanding environmental achievement
- **Water Efficiency** — managing and reducing water use
- **Youth Leadership** — green leaders 24 and under

The nomination deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 6.

Nominations may be submitted online at www.toronto.ca/greentorontoawards.

The 8th annual Green Toronto Awards ceremony will take place Friday, April 13 at the Green Living Show, Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place.

About Green Living Enterprises

Green Living Enterprises is a pioneer and leader in developing social and environmental marketing programs that keep consumers and clients at the forefront of the green agenda. Green Living Enterprises is a full-service, one-stop solution for green marketing, product and program development, custom publishing, and event management. Green Living Enterprises, an authentically green company, also includes Greenlivingonline.com and The Green Living Show, North America's largest green consumer show, dedicated to easy and workable solutions for leading a sustainable lifestyle. For more information visit: www.greenlivingenterprises.ca and www.greenlivingonline.com

About Live Green Toronto

Live Green Toronto is a City of Toronto program that offers residents tips, tools, resources and a one-stop website to help them green their homes, communities and businesses. For more information, visit www.livegreentoronto.ca.

About the City of Toronto

Toronto is Canada's largest city and sixth largest government, and home to a diverse population of about 2.7 million people. Toronto's government is dedicated to delivering customer service excellence, creating a transparent and accountable government, reducing the size and cost of government and building a transportation city. For information on non-emergency City services and programs, Toronto residents, businesses and visitors can dial 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information visit: www.toronto.ca

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