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## Living Green, Leading Green – Award Nomination Deadline Approaches

The Environmental Star of Excellence awards recognize achievements throughout the community in environmental initiatives and honor the people and community partners making a difference.

Environmental Star of Excellence nomination packets are available on-line at [livegreeninplano.com](http://livegreeninplano.com). An application form must be included with each nomination and must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1 by a third-person nominator or by self-nomination.

Different award categories highlight all sectors of the community and feature a wide variety of efforts being made to live green in Plano. The award categories target businesses, multi-family living, non-profit groups, educational institutions, churches, volunteer organizations, individuals and community partners.

The Environmental Community Partnership Award recognizes the efforts of an organization who has partnered with the City of Plano to accomplish an environmental objective that benefits the community, or motivates residents to take action to protect the environment.

The Environmental Star of Excellence awards will be presented to winners at the 2011 Environmental Community Awards Celebration. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20 in the Conference Center at Collin College (Spring Creek Campus), located at 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. at Jupiter Road. The presentation honor winners from each category, as well as recognizing other outstanding environmental and sustainable efforts throughout the city.

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Place 3

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Place 7

*Lee Dunlap*  
Place 8

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