



GLEE's 2nd Annual Green Living Awards

Individuals Category

For Cumulative Efforts leading up to January 1st 2009

Name of Applicant: Jedde V. Regante

Key West

City/Island

Application Summary

I try to incorporate green living into every aspect of my life, constantly searching for ways to improve myself and to teach others what I have learned.

Detailed Accomplishments

Be as detailed as possible when summarizing your green achievements. Dates enacted, money saved, waste diverted, emissions saved and other such facts factor heavily in final awards.

<u>Renewable Energy</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of appropriate solar, wind and bio generated sources of renewable energy.
Installed solar hot water on my house. Installed 1 PV and 1 Commercial hot water system for my business, Eco-Nomic Solutions, LLC and discussed doing likewise for many others. Spent time on radio morning talk shows trying to educated people on how to find the low hanging (green) fruit.	
<u>Clean Transportation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of smart, clean and economically efficient uses of biodiesel, fuel cells, and hybrid vehicles. Or no vehicles at all!
Created business plan for bringing bio diesel to Key West via private industry. Looked at converting my vehicle to propane.	

<u>Clean Boating</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of eco-friendly actions whilst on the water, including cleaning products, propulsion, water conservation, fisheries conservation, catch and release techniques, and use of Florida Clean Marinas, Boatyards, and Retailers .
<p>Keeping trash out of the water and not being silent when I see others putting it in. Sometimes it is very hard to tell someone not to pollute, but I've learned to put aside my personal embarrassment and tell them anyway.</p>	
<u>Energy Conservation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of energy-efficient appliances, energy audits, and retrofits for financial savings and pollution reduction.
<p>I still believe that monumental amounts of energy are wasted every day via phantom loads and simply not turning things off that were turned on. Turn out lights when not in the room; simple and, if practised globally, would really add up in surprising volume.</p>	
<u>Green Building</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of green techniques and technologies during retrofits on existing buildings and efficient designs for new buildings.
<p>Promote the education and use of alternative energy sources for both residents and businesses. I'm on the Monroe County Green Task Force and actively seek to engage fellow contractors and business owners to implement efficient design into their business model.</p>	
<u>Green Financing</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of tax credits, rebates, and other incentive programs that help finance, sustainability projects. Also includes Socially Responsible Investing.
<u>Healthy Living</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of green procurement, green consumerism and healthy choices through buying organic foods and other non-toxic, healthy and sustainable products.

<u>Land Conservation</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of conservation of natural habitats by using Keys-Friendly landscaping practices and use of GreenThumb Certified Nurseries .
<u>R4 #1: Reduce</u>	Demonstrated reduction of waste through bulk buying, refillable products, double-sided printing, avoiding over-packaged products, closing the loop by purchasing products made of recycled, post consumer content; implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate waste reduction.
<u>R4 #2: Reuse</u>	Demonstrated reuse of products, buy second hand, donate unneeded items, and avoid disposables, and share magazines /other publications before recycling them.
<p>When getting rid of old household items or clothing I take them to either Salvation Army or the Women's Shelter. I furnished my house with used appliances.</p>	
<u>R4 #3: Rot (Compost)</u>	Demonstrated waste diversion through composting of food scraps and yard trimmings
<p>I compost everything organic. yard waste, food scraps, everything.</p>	
<u>R4 #4: Recycle</u>	Demonstrated recycling of items accepted by local waste hauler and/or other items which may be recycled elsewhere (e.g., electronics, CFL light bulbs, cell phones, printer cartridges); implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate recycling practices
<p>I recycle everything I can and have reduced my home waste to one trash bag per week and several bins of recyclables.</p>	

<u>Water Conservation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of water use reduction through efficient irrigation, xeriscaping, cisterns, rain barrels, water audits and/or use of reclaimed water.
Water Quality	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of wastewater treatment, storm water retention, phosphorus free products, slow release fertilizers, animal waste reduction, etc.
Youth Leadership	Involve local students in projects and research for healthy long-term choices in any of the above for the future of all.
GLEE Participation	Actively involved with GLEE via ideas, time and/or membership to help further GLEE's Mission and Goals .
<p>Board of Directors for GLEE. R4 Fair exhibitor. GLEE expo exhibitor.</p>	
Other Factors	Have you done something else not included in the scope of this application? Let us know!

Green Pledge

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

