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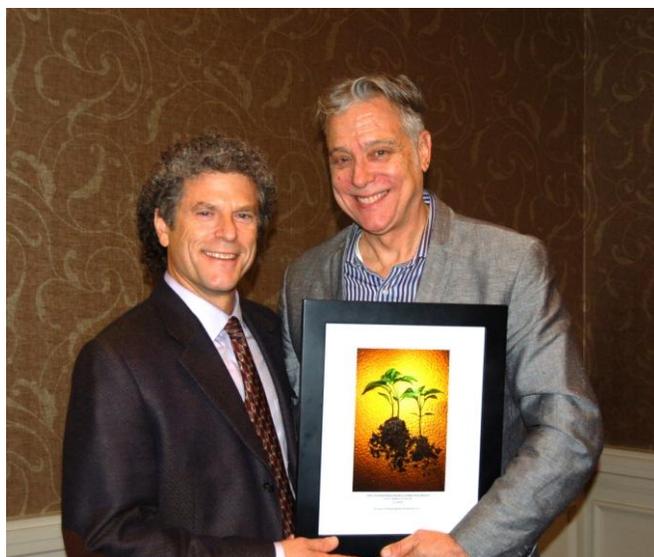
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**Covanta’s John Waffenschmidt Receives “2015 Outstanding Industry Leadership Award”  
at the 2015 U.S. Product Stewardship Forum**

*The Product Stewardship Institute honors Covanta for its longtime support and collaboration in promoting voluntary product stewardship initiatives nationwide.*

**Boston, Massachusetts**— In honor of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) hosted its [2015 National Forum](#) on December 8-9 in Boston, Massachusetts. Environmental experts from around the United States, Europe, and Canada gathered to discuss issues related to zero waste, product stewardship, and the circular economy. As a part of PSI’s anniversary celebration, the non-profit honored key leaders from industry, government, and organizations that have played a significant role in moving the product stewardship movement forward throughout the last 15 years.

During this celebration, John Waffenschmidt from [Covanta](#) accepted the “2015 Outstanding Industry Leadership Award” for the company’s role in working with PSI to promote product stewardship initiatives around the country. This year, for instance, this “energy from waste” company started a voluntary thermostat collection program in partnership with PSI, the Thermostat Recycling Corporation, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, and Locke Supply Company. They also offer to destroy pharmaceuticals collected by law enforcement officials at their facilities across the country, free of charge. To date, they have collected over 3 million pounds. Waffenschmidt also serves on PSI’s Advisory Council, and has been an influential mentor for many years.



PSI is incredibly grateful for Covanta’s avid support and commitment to advancing product stewardship.

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**About the [Product Stewardship Institute \(PSI\)](#)**

**The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI)** is a national, membership-based nonprofit committed to reducing the health, safety, and environmental impacts of consumer products across their lifecycle with a strong focus on sustainable end-of-life management. Headquartered in Boston, Mass., PSI takes a unique product stewardship approach to solving waste management problems by encouraging product design changes and mediating stakeholder dialogues. With 47 state environmental agency members, along with hundreds of local government members from coast-to-coast, and 95 corporate, business, academic, non-U.S. government, and organizational partners, we work to design, implement, evaluate, strengthen, and promote both legislative and voluntary product stewardship initiatives across North America. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).