



City of Plantation Green Business Application

Name of Business: _____

Business Address (in City of Plantation):

Corporate Address (if different):

Point of Contact (e.g. person completing the application)

Name and Title:

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please complete the questionnaire below. Space is provided for you to detail any additional sustainability efforts taken by your business. In order to be certified, businesses must accumulate a minimum of 50 (fifty) points across all categories.

Type of business:

- Restaurant/Bar/Dining Establishment
- Office/Light Industrial
- Hotel/Motel/Lodging
- Retail
- Hospital/Urgent Care/Medical Office
- Personal Care/Hair or Nail Salon
- Gym/Exercise Studio

Other: _____

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please indicate sustainable practices implemented by the business. A maximum of 10 points will be awarded for this section.

1. The business has taken the following steps to reduce single-use plastics in the waste stream:
 - Staff is given access to reusable mugs, plates, silverware and the means to wash these dishes OR reusable food ware is used for onsite dining, including dinnerware, drinkware, silverware and containers.
 - The business prioritizes eco-friendly alternatives such as paper products made from recycled content, sustainably sourced materials, biodegradable cleaning solutions, fair-trade coffee, etc.

The business does not use single-use plastic bags.

"To go" food containers, mugs, cups, plates, and cutlery are made of biodegradable, compostable or recyclable materials (this does not include Styrofoam).

Disposable items – including paper straws, stirrers, cup lids, cutlery, and condiments – are distributed upon request only. As an example, rather than providing these items to every customer, some businesses have set up a station for customers to grab cutlery.

2. The business recycles as many materials as it can (including paper, cardboard, plastic, metals, glass, electronics, and printer ink cartridges). Please describe recycling practices below.

3. Basic water and energy conservation strategies are implemented, which help save the business money. Describe below.

4. Staff is trained on sustainability in the workplace. This action may include ensuring a list of the business' green practices, such as those identified in this application, is available for employees. Describe below.

5. Choose at least 1 of the 3 actions listed below:

Bottled water is not purchased for staff or sold to customers. Instead alternatives to bottled water are offered – such as glass, canned or boxes water, or reusable cups and water dispensers.

A discount is offered for customers with reusable bag, cup, container, etc.

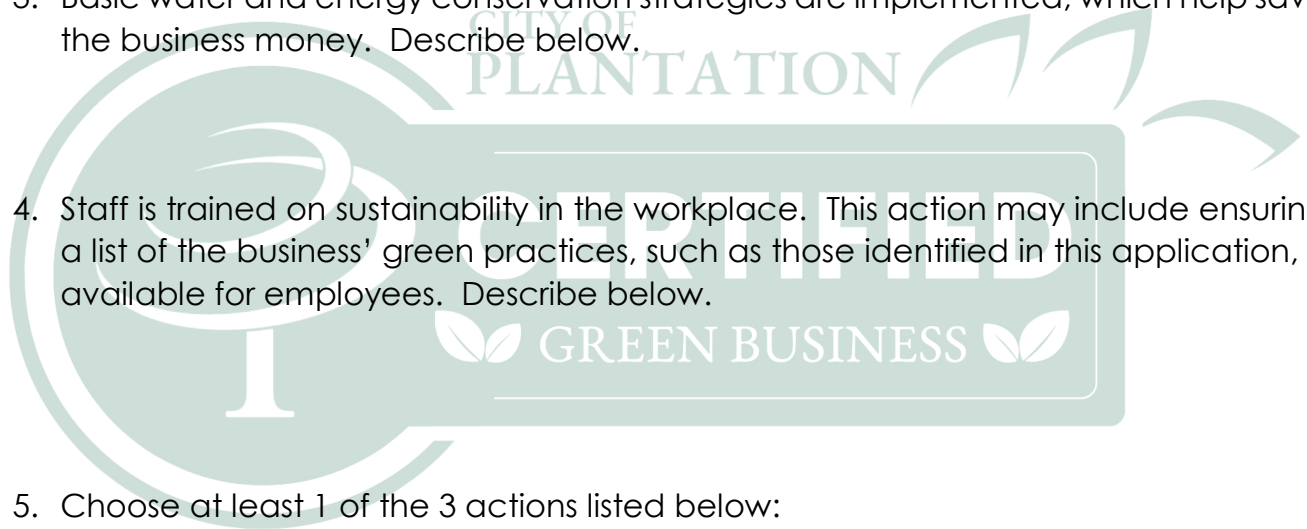
Options are provided to customers for eco-friendly and fair-trade products.

Guests are encouraged to help business be more sustainable, such as providing recycling bins in guest rooms, providing toiletries and offering washing services upon request or ensuring information about public transportation is available.

Vegetarian/vegan food options are offered on a regular basis and all seafood is "Best Choice" or "Good Alternative" as defined by Seafood Watch or certified as sustainable.

For more information:

www.seafoodwatch.org



WASTE REDUCTION AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Please indicate sustainable practices implemented by the business. A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for this section.

6. The business has taken the following steps for waste reduction and pollution prevention:

The business reduces paper use by printing only when necessary and setting the printer default to duplex printing.

In restrooms, high efficiency hand dryers are utilized instead of paper towels.

Compost bins/buckets are available for use and has signage that details what can be composted. (2 pts)

Actions are taken to help reduce litter, including cleaning cigarette butts from areas surrounding your facility, sweeping debris and soils away from storm drains, and managing the overflow from outdoor trash receptacles.

When possible, the business purchases and/or donate used furniture to help reduce the waste stream. (2 pts)

Rechargeable batteries are used instead of disposable ones.

If you make your own goods, waste is minimized in your manufacturing process. (3 pts)

The business' CO2 foot print has been calculated, and at least a portion of the CO2 emissions are offset. (2 pts)

The business takes steps to reduce light pollution from outdoor lighting (such as shielding the lights, turning off unnecessary lighting, using motion sensors, etc.). (2 pts)

Environmentally friendly products (such as paper, cleaning solutions, coffee) are prioritized (e.g. paper products made from recycled content, sustainably sourced materials, biodegradable, fair-trade coffee, etc.).

Purchases are made in bulk for commonly used items (to limit packaging and shipping) as much as possible.

Purchase used and/or refurbished products when possible.

Paperless billing is utilized for all vendors.

Paperless payroll is used for at least 50% of staff.

Hazardous waste (batteries, compact fluorescent lamps – CFLs, etc.) is properly disposed of.

Whenever possible, leftover food items are donated. (3 pts)

Practices have been implemented to minimize daily food waste.

Vehicles are washed in areas here the water will not flow into the storm drains, such as grassy areas.

For more information:

www.epa.gov/saferchoice

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Please indicate sustainable practices implemented by the business. A maximum of 20 points will be awarded for this section.

7. The business has taken the following steps for energy efficiency.

An energy audit was conducted to identify ways the business can save energy. (2 pts)

When available, natural lighting is used in place of artificial lighting.

Staff is reminded to turn off lights when not in used (including after hours) and signage to remind staff is posted near the light switches.

Lighting controls, such as occupancy sensors, timers, and/or daylight sensors, are installed. (2 pts)

Use LED bulbs in at least 75% of all light fixtures (indoor and outdoor). (2 pts)

The business uses a high-efficiency HVAC system (minimum 16 SEER). (2 pts)

Optimize HVAC use by providing regular maintenance, setting the temperature at 74° or higher, and maintaining separation between conditioned and unconditioned space.

When the heating or cooling system is on, the windows and doors are kept closed.

An Energy Star natural gas or higher efficiency water heater or a solar water heater is installed. (2 pts)

Where possible, power strips are used for electronics and are switched off at the end of the day.

Purchasing policies require all new equipment and appliances are energy efficient (e.g. EnergyStar products).

Chargers are unplugged when not in use.

The business uses blinds and/or curtains to reduce solar heating in the building.

Additional steps have been taken to minimize solar heating by updating insulation, windows (include tinting), and/or a cool roof. (2 pts)

Energy-efficient methods are used when landscaping, such as planting trees to shade the business. (2 pts)

The business is enrolled in the FP&L Commercial Demand Response Program to save money by reducing energy during peak times.

Renewable energy sources/equipment used where feasible (e.g. solar panels). Please include information of how much energy is offset at the end of this questionnaire.

For more information:

www.energystar.gov/products/commercial_food_service_equipment

www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-efficient-landscaping

www.fpl.com/business/save/programs/demand-response.html

WATER CONSERVATION

Please indicate sustainable practices implemented by the business. A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for this section.

8. The business has implemented the following water conservation steps:
- A hydration station or water tap is available for refilling water bottles. (2 pts)
 - A water displacement device is installed in the toilet tank OR high-efficiency (e.g. WaterSense) products are in use.
 - Install low-flow pre-rinse spray valves.
 - Install low-flow aerators on all faucets in kitchen sinks, bathrooms and public restrooms.
 - Dishwashers are only operated when fully loaded.
 - Water is conserved for landscaping by using Water Wise techniques (such as planting drought tolerant plants, xeriscaping, etc.) (2 pts)
 - Rainwater is captured and used for landscaping. (2 pts)
 - Mulch is on all non-turf areas or plant ground cover is around landscape plant to prevent evaporation.
 - Parking lot/area is made of permeable materials to allow for percolation.

For more information:

www.lookforwatersense.epa.gov/products

www.sfwmd.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ww0_waterwise_all.pdf

TRANSPORTATION

Please indicate sustainable practices implemented by the business. A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for this section.

9. The business has implanted the following practices regarding transportation:
- A minimum 25% of all food and beverages are purchased from certified organic, sustainably harvested, or locally grown products. (2 pts)
 - More than 25% of supplies are purchased from businesses that are as local as possible (within 200 miles) to reduce emissions from shipping and transportation. (2 pts)
 - When possible, employees attend meetings/conferences over the telephone or online rather than travelling.
 - Charging station(s) are available for electric vehicles. (3 pts)
 - High efficiency (35 mpg or more), electric and/or clean energy vehicles are utilized for work related transportation. (2 pts)
 - Information is available to encourage employee walking, biking and use of public transportation.
 - Financial incentives are offered to employees for carpooling, public transit, and/or telecommuting. (3 pts).

___ The business participates in National Bike to Work Week or Nation Walk to Work Week.

BONUS

Please indicate sustainable practices implemented by the business. A maximum of 25 points will be awarded for this section.

Each workplace is encouraged to implement sustainable practices that are not included in this questionnaire. Please describe your innovative workplace practices and include a summary of each action below (these items will be evaluated for additional points).

If you indicated that you have renewable/solar energy in use, please use this section to explain what portion of your business' energy use is offset by renewable/solar energy.

