


TENNESSEE GREENHOSPITALITY



Tennessee Green Hospitality Certification Application for Associate Members (Attractions, Convention Centers, etc.)

Please fill out this application to begin the process to receive Tennessee Green Hospitality Certification. Once you have completed the application, please email it to skyecon@gmail.com & joy@tnhospitality.net. Please check the boxes next to the activities below that your company participates in. You will be contacted soon regarding your application. Thanks!

Company Name:

Contact Person & Title:

Address:

Phone Number:

Date Submitted:

Email Address:

CORE ACTIVITIES: These are the minimum requirements for all Tennessee Green Hospitality Program participants.

We pledge that we:

- Recycle.** Your facility must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged, as well.
- Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** Your facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable. When disposable food service items are used, you are encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources and to provide for the collection/recycling/composting of food service items disposed of on the premises.
- Reduce solid waste.** Your facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation.
- Use water efficiently.** Your facility must have a program in place for water conservation.
- Conserve energy.** Your facility must have a program and have taken steps toward reducing energy use.
- Offer a "Green Events" Package.** Your facility must offer a green or environmentally-friendly package for conferences, meetings, and other events (if your facility hosts such activities).
- Have a written plan for continued environmental improvement.** Your facility must have a plan in writing, outlining steps for continued improvements in sustainability.

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Please provide a brief description of your facility:

ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CORE REQUIREMENTS: While not required for certification, we invite you to provide more details about your green activities. Please tell us more about the great things you are doing at your property. Please check the boxes next to the activities below that your company participates in. You can also use this list for new ideas of green techniques to implement at your own facility.

Recycling

We pledge that we:

- Have in place clearly marked recycling locations and/or containers.*** Please check the items below that visitors to your facility are able to recycle.
 - Glass Bottles
 - Plastic Bottles
 - Aluminum Cans
 - Steel Cans
 - Newspapers
 - Office Paper
 - Printer/Copy Machine Ink and Toner Cartridges
 - Cardboard
 - Fluorescent Lamps (may be required by law)
 - Batteries (may be required by law for NiCad & Lead-Acid)
 - Electronics Equipment (may be required by law)
 - Other:
 - Or is your facility located in an area where a comprehensive recycling program is not feasible and your facility has developed a written explanation of the recycling opportunities provided? And is your staff able to address the topic with your guests?
 - Please write in other actions taken related to recycling:

Minimization of Disposable Food Service Products

We pledge that we:

- Do not use **any** disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups.
- OR**
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials (corn, bamboo, potato starch, sugarcane, etc.).
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content.
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable **in your area**.
- Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations **in your area**.

Solid Waste Reduction

We pledge that we:

- Track overall solid waste costs.
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill.
- KITCHEN** (or during meetings/events)
 - Recycle fryer grease.
 - Donate excess food from events.
 - Compost food waste and other compostables.
 - Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste.
- DINING ROOM** (or during meetings/events)
 - Use cloth napkins.

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- Use reusable coffee filters.
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters.
- Provide condiments (cream, sugar, etc.) in bulk.
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles.

RESTROOMS

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms.
- Use high-efficiency hand dryers.
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper.

OFFICE

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists, when possible.
- Reuse scrap paper for notes.
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges.
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage of recycled content.
- Make double-sized photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies.
- Use electronic correspondence and forms, when possible.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk.
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives.
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources.
- Use latex-low or no-VOC paints.
- Reuse paint thinners.
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law).
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles.
- Use integrated pest management (IPM).
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping.
- Please write in other actions taken to reduce solid waste:

Water Conservation

We pledge that we:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs.
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks.
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use.
- Use microfiber technology mops.
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers.
 - Low-flow faucets and showerheads that use less than 2.5 gallons per minute.
 - Low-flow toilets that use 1.6 gallons per flush or less.
 - Waterless urinals.
 - Composting toilets.
 - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Have an effective landscape management plan, which includes one or more of the following:
 - Utilizing native species.
 - Utilizing metering and rain gauges.
 - Minimizing lawn areas.
- Have an effective storm water management plan, which includes one or more of the following:
 - Rain gardens.
 - Pervious pavement.
 - Minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.).
- Have installed a green roof.

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- Have installed cisterns.
- Have installed rain barrels.
- Have installed drip line irrigation.
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds.
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers.
- Please write in other actions taken related to water conservation and efficiency:

Energy Efficiency

We pledge that we:

- Track overall energy bills.
- Have had an energy audit within the past 12 months to identify efficiency opportunities.
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time.
- Calculate the environmental impact of the facility's energy usage by using a pollution calculator.
- Use ENERGY STAR's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry.

HEATING AND COOLING

- Have individual thermostats for each room and ensure that they are correctly adjusted.
- Have installed ceiling fans.
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors.
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on the HVAC system(s).
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system(s).
- Keep office doors and windows closed when HVAC system(s) are on.
- Have installed geothermal heating and cooling.

LIGHTING

- Use natural lighting.
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights.
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights.
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms.
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting.
- Have installed LED Exit Signs.
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas.
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning.

APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating/cooling, consumer electronics, etc.).
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.).
- Have joined ENERGY STAR's Low Carbon IT Challenge.
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors, and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when not being used.

TRANSPORTATION-RELATED ENERGY USE

- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles.

SOURCE OF ENERGY

- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels.
- Have installed a solar water heating system.
- Generate electricity from a wind turbine.
- Purchase Green Tags or Renewable Energy Certificates to support new renewable energy resources.
- Purchase Green Power.
- Are an EPA Green Power Partner.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION

- Achieved LEED certification at the _____ level during the facility's construction.
- Are working toward or have achieved LEED-EB (existing building) certification through operational changes and renovations.
- Earned the ENERGY STAR label for our building.
- Please write in other actions taken related to energy conservation and efficiency:

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Green Conferences and Events

We pledge that we:

- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the fact sheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences and Events).
- We do not host conferences or events.
- Please list standard services you offer for "green" conferences and events:

Other Sustainability Actions

- Please list any other sustainable activities that your facility practices (such as purchase locally produced products and supplies, purchase organic or sustainably grown food, protect/enhance wildlife habitat on property, educate customers about efforts to reduce our environmental impacts, etc.):

Please write in your common sense and/or creative "Green" ideas that you are implementing at your facility:

Associate Member Audit Fees: (Based on Number of Employees)

<u># of Employees</u>	<u>TnHA Member Rate</u>	<u>Non-TnHA Member</u>
Less than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375/Property
10 – 20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425/Property
21 – 35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475/Property
36 – 60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$525/Property
61 – 90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600/Property
91 – 120	<input type="checkbox"/> \$575/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$675/Property
More than 121	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$700/Property

In addition to the pricing above, travel expenses will be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.40/mile, round trip from Chattanooga, TN. Lodging will be provided, as needed. If multiple properties are being audited in the same area, expenses will be equally divided among all properties.

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