



Tennessee Green Hospitality Certification Application for Restaurant Members

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:

- Minimize the use of disposables.*** The restaurant is minimizing the use of all disposables and is replacing take-out and leftover packaging with recycled/recyclable/compostable/biodegradable alternatives, as practical.
- Recycle grease.*** The restaurant is collecting and recycling cooking grease. Grease is being filtered for reuse, as practical.
- Recycle and reduce waste.*** Recycling is probably the most visible sign to your guests that you are a green facility. The facility must have an active recycling/waste reduction program that provides for the recycling of all recyclable materials in your area.
- Use water efficiently.*** The facility must have a program for conserving water. Possible examples of water conservation include water-saving dishwashers, faucets, and toilets; leak detection; and an effective landscape watering plan.
- Conserve energy.*** The facility must have a program in place to reduce overall energy consumption. Possible examples of energy conservation include replacing lighting and equipment with energy-efficient alternatives such as compact-fluorescent lighting, LED exit signs, lighting sensors, efficient heating and cooling, and *EnergyStar* kitchen appliances and computers.
- Have a written plan for continued environmental improvement.*** The 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 property.

Reduction in the Use of Non-Environmentally Preferable Disposables

We pledge that we:

- Use disposable containers that are:
 - Made from bio-based materials.
 - Made from recycled content paper.
 - Compostable.
 - Recyclable.
- Please write in your own methods of reducing the use of non-environmentally preferable disposables:

Grease Recycling

We pledge that we:

- Store the grease and have it picked up by a rendering company.
- Periodically pump the grease traps.
- Filter the grease to prolong its life.
- Have an active contract with a grease filtering company.
- Use our grease to make bio-diesel fuel.
- Please write in your company's green activities related to grease recycling:

Recycling

We pledge that we recycle:

- Glass. Recycling glass is required for Tennessee Green Hospitality Certification for restaurants.
- Aluminum Cans.
- Plastic.
- Office Paper.
- Toner Cartridges.
- Newspapers.
- Cardboard.
- Packing Supplies.
- Fluorescent Lamps. Recycling fluorescent lamps is required by RCRA law.
- Batteries. Recycling batteries is required by RCRA law for NiCad and Lead-Acid.
- Electronics Equipment. Recycling electronics equipment (computers, printers, etc.) is required by RCRA law.
- Please write in your company's green activities related to recycling:

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Waste Reduction

We pledge that we:

- Track overall waste bills.
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill.

KITCHEN

- Donate excess food from events.
- Compost food waste and other compostables.
- Have effective food inventory control to minimize waste.
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods.
- Purchase organic and/or "sustainably-grown" foods. Review <http://www.sustainabletable.org/issues> for more info.

DINING ROOM

- Use reusable dishware and glassware and minimize use of disposables.
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters.
- Provide condiments, cream, sugar, etc. in bulk.
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles.
- Use menus and table placards as an opportunity to communicate green activities.
- Print menus on recycled-content paper with soy-based inks and include recycling symbols, recycled-content, and messages about soy-based inks on printed materials.
- Use screen-based ordering systems.

RESTROOMS

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

OFFICE

- Use a last-in/first-out inventory control and effective labeling systems.
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials.
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment.
- Make two-sided copies when printed materials are necessary.
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when available.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk. See <http://www.greenseal.org> for more info.
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture.
- Purchase low-VOC carpets and fabrics.
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources.
- Use low-VOC latex paints.
- Re-use paint thinners.
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents. This is required by EPA-RCRA.
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, vehicles, and plumbing systems.
- Use less toxic materials.
- Use "integrated pest management" (IPM). See <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/ipm.htm> for more info.
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping.
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers in landscaping.
- Please write in your company's green activities related to waste reduction:

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Water Conservation

We pledge that we:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater.
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time.
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks.
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use.
- Have high efficiency dishwashers, low-flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads, low-flow toilets, waterless urinals, composting toilets, and/or automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms.
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first) and/or use microfiber technology mops.
- Have an effective landscape management plan, which uses drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and/or minimizes lawn areas.
- Have an effective storm water management plan, including rain gardens, pervious pavement, and/or the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.). See <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rfb/rain-gardens.html>.
- Have a green roof. Review <http://www.greenroofs.com> for more information.
- Use cisterns, rain barrels, and/or drip line irrigation. <http://www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/stormwater.htm>.
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds.
- Please write in your company's green activities related to water conservation and efficiency:

Energy Efficiency

We pledge that we:

- Track overall energy bills.
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities.
- Have a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time.
- Have an "energy management system" in place to track and meter energy usage.
- Calculate the pollution factor of our energy usage by using a pollution calculator. See <http://www.cleanerandgreener.org/resources/pollutioncalculator.htm>.
- Have evaluated existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency.
- Have considered upgrading to an *EnergyStar* Commercial Kitchen Package. See http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/small_business/led_exitsigns_techsheets.pdf.
- Use ceiling fans, high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting, high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5's & T-B's), and/or LED exit signs. See link above.
- Have a high efficiency heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system.
- Perform preventative maintenance on our HVAC system.
- Have geothermal heating and cooling.
- Have individual thermostats for each room.
- Have installed additional insulation.
- Use natural lighting.
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights.
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights.
- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels and/or a wind turbine.
- Have a solar water heating system.
- Purchase *EnergyStar* computers, appliances, etc. See <http://www.energystar.gov> for more information.
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation.
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas.
- Purchase "Green Tags" or "Renewable Energy Certificates" to support new renewable energy resources.

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Review <http://www.green-e.org> for more information.

- Use LEED criteria when developing new buildings. Review <http://www.usgbc.org> for more information.
- Have achieved LEED certification as a _____ building.
- Are working to achieve LEED-EB (existing building) certification through operational changes and renovations.
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles.
- Use *EnergyStar's* Benchmarking Tools at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=hospitality.bus_hospitality.
- Please write in your company's green activities related to energy conservation and efficiency:

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

Restaurant Member Audit Fees: *(Based on Number of Employees)*

| <u># of Employees</u> | <u>TnHA Member Rate</u> | <u>Non-TnHA Member Rate</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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