

Tennessee Green Hospitality Certification Application for Lodging Members

Please download and electronically complete this application to begin the process to achieve Tennessee Green Hospitality Certification. Once you have completed the application, please email it to skyecon@gmail.com and susan@tnhospitality.net. 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:

- Offer optional linen service.*** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your guests' stay; thus, decreasing usage of water, energy, and harmful detergents.
- Recycle and reduce waste.*** Recycling is probably the most visible sign to your guests that you are a green facility. You must have an active recycling/waste reduction program for your facility, including the convenient opportunity for guest to recycle their materials.
- Use water efficiently.*** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider water-saving faucets, showerheads, and toilets; leak detection; and an effective landscape watering plan.
- Conserve energy.*** The facility must have a program in place to reduce energy consumption. The program should include the replacement of lighting and equipment to energy efficient alternatives such as compact-fluorescent lighting, LED exit signs, photo sensors and motion detectors, efficient heating and cooling, and EnergyStar/energy efficient computers and other equipment.
- Offer a "Green Events" Package.*** The facility must offer a written "green" package for conferences, meetings, and other events. Examples include recycling at the event; paper reduction; temperature and lighting control; avoidance of single-use, individual bottles of water; and other techniques to reduce waste and energy.
- Have a written plan for continued environmental improvement.*** The facility must have an official plan outlining steps for continued improvements in sustainability.

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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.

Optional Linen Service

We pledge that we:

- Change linens only on request.
- Train housekeepers on process of optional linen service.
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers. Visit www.energystar.gov for more details.
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents.
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals.
- Use an "ozone laundry system" that greatly minimizes the need for detergents and saves water.
- Use linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning.
- Please write in your own green activities related to laundry/linen services:

Recycling

We pledge that we recycle:

- Glass
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic
- Office Paper
- Toner Cartridges
- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Packing Supplies
- Fluorescent Lamps (Required by the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act Law (RCRA))
- Batteries (Required by RCRA Law for NiCad & Lead-Acid)
- Electronics Equipment Including Computers, Printers, Etc. (Required by RCRA Law)
- Please write in your own green activities related to recycling:

Green Conferences & Events

We pledge that we offer the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in our Marketing & Catering Packages.

- Please attach your "Green Events" package information. This is the document that you provide to potential guests or groups when asked how you will help make their meetings "green."

Smoking

- The facility is completely non-smoking.
- If the facility allows smoking, are there any smoking restrictions?

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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.
- Regularly monitor water meter(s).
- Have high-efficiency dishwashers.
- Have low flow restrictors on guest room faucets. (EPA Watersense or equivalent using 1.5 gpm or less)
- Have low flow showerheads in guest rooms. (EPA Watersense or equivalent using 2.0 gpm or less)
- Have low flow toilets using 1.6 gallons or less per flush **OR** have low flow EPA Watersense toilets using 1.28 gallons or less per flush.
- Have automatic, hands-free faucets in public restrooms.
- Have automatic flush/hands-free toilets in public restrooms.
- Have an effective landscape management plan, which utilizes 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 minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.).
- Have a green roof. Visit www.greenroofs.com for more details.
- Use cisterns, rain barrels, and/or drip line irrigation. Visit www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/stormwater.htm.
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds.
- Please write in your own green activities related to water conservation:

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 our energy usage’s pollution factor at www.cleanerandgreener.org/resources/pollutioncalculator.htm.
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent bulbs in rooms and in canned lighting, as well as LED Exit signs and high efficiency fluorescent lamps. See www.energystar.gov/ia/business/small_business/led_exitsigns_techsheets.pdf.
- Have high efficiency heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and ceiling fans.
- Install Energy Management Systems.
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC systems.
- Have individual thermostats for each room.
- Have installed additional insulation and have thermal-rate windows and insulation.
- Use natural lighting and use lighting sensors to turn lights on and off.
- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels.
- Have a solar water heating system.
- Generate electricity from a wind turbine.
- Purchase EnergyStar computers, appliances, etc. Visit www.energystar.gov for more information.
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas.
- Use LEED criteria when developing new buildings. Visit www.usgbc.org for more details.
- Have achieved LEED certification as a building.
- Provide charging stations for guest’s electric or electric hybrid vehicles.
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles and encourage guests to use an electric shuttle.
- Use EnergyStar hospitality industry benchmarking tools. Visit the following website:
www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=hospitality.bus_hospitality.
- Have geothermal heating and cooling.
- Please write in your own green activities related to energy efficiency:

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Waste Reduction

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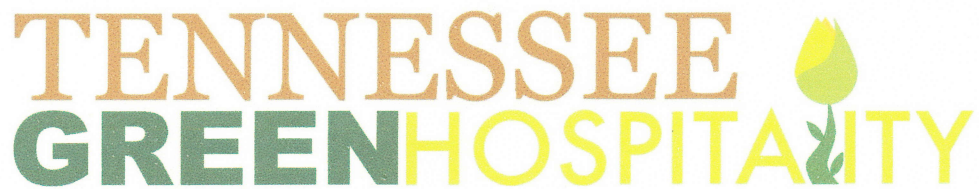
- Track overall waste bills.
- Have numeric goals to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill.
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms.
- Use high-efficiency hand dryers.
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps in guestrooms.
- Partner with vendors to utilize their "green" products.
- Do not use Styrofoam.
- Use reusable dishware and glassware to minimize the use of disposables.
- Purchase cups to promote/allow effective recycling.
- Purchase disposable containers made from bio-based materials, recycled content, and/or compostable materials.
- 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 washable hand towels in restrooms.
- Compost food waste and other compostables.
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste.
- Recycle grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling.
- Offer locally grown produce and other foods.
- Offer organic and "sustainable-grown" foods. Visit www.sustainabletable.org/issues for more details.
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels, toilet paper, and tissue paper.
- 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 and printed materials. Printers are set to "default" to double-sided copies.
- Use electronic correspondence and forms.
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk. Visit www.greenseal.org for more details.
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture.
- Purchase carpet with low VOC emissions that has received "Green Label Plus" certification from the Carpet & Rug Institute (CRI).
- Maintain carpet using CRI "Seal of Approval" certified cleaning products and equipment, which can be found at www.carpet-rug.org/commercial-customers/cleaning-and-maintenance/seal-of-approval-products/.
- Recycle old carpet. See model specs from CRI at www.carpetrecovery.org/specifications-bids.php.
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources.
- Use latex paints that are low VOC.
- Reuse paint thinners.
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents. (Required by EPA & RCRA Law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles.
- Use less toxic materials.
- Use "integrated pest management" (IPM). Visit www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/ipm.htm for more details.
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers.
- Please write in your own green activities related to waste reduction:

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Lodging Member Audit Fees:
(Based on Number of Rooms)

<u># of Rooms</u>	<u>TnHA Member Rate</u>	<u>Non-TnHA Member Rate</u>
Less than 100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375/Property
100 – 150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425/Property
151 – 175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475/Property
176 – 250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$525/Property
251 – 325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600/Property
325 – 400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$575/Property	<input type="checkbox"/> \$675/Property
401 or More	<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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