

DALLAS GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Instructions

Hello and thank you for your interest in the Dallas Green Business Certification Program!

Purpose

The City of Dallas Green Business Certification Program recognizes local businesses that prioritize sustainable practices and make conscious decisions to help protect and restore our valuable ecosystems. This is a free program that encourages all businesses to participate. There are certification levels that suit a range of experience and industry types.

Certification Steps

1. Check Eligibility
2. Download the application and answer the questions
3. Submit the Application
4. Verification
5. Celebrate

Eligibility Requirements

- The business site address must be located within City of Dallas Limits
- Be willing to adhere to renewal requirements
- Be willing to host an on-site visit to confirm the scorecard's accuracy
- Be willing to comply with renewal requirements
- Be willing to provide a company bio or pictures as necessary for promotional awards and benefits

*While not a requirement, it is helpful to have access to utility usage

General Instructions

Please download the scorecard, and answer the questions for each category based on your business's current practices.

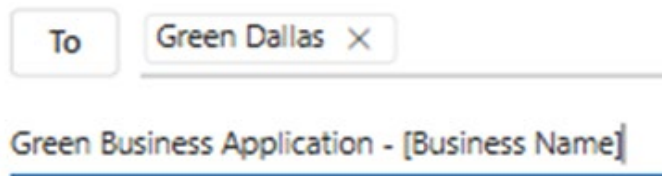
General Instructions Continued

When your total score has been calculated at the bottom of the "Scorecard Questions" Section, compare the results to the see what level of certification your business may qualify for.

Please save the file with your business name and current year

Example: Business Name_2025

Submit the application to our email at: greendallas@dallas.gov



The screenshot shows an email composition window. The 'To' field contains 'Green Dallas' with a close button (X). Below the 'To' field, the subject line is 'Green Business Application - [Business Name]'.

Please make sure to include Green Business Application with your business's name in the subject line.

Once your application has been submitted, you will receive a confirmation email within 5 business days.

Scorecard Breakdown

The information below shows a breakdown of the categories, question types, and points for the scorecard questions. The category types are highlighted in bright blue.

Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) Questions			
Buildings are Energy Efficient & Climate Resilient	Dallas generates and uses Renewable, Reliable, and Affordable Energy	Access to Sustainable, Affordable Transportation	Dallas is a zero waste community
 BUILDINGS	 ENERGY	 TRANSPORTATION	 ZERO-WASTE
4 questions 9 points 3 bonus points	6 questions 11 points -	3 questions 7 points 1 bonus point	8 questions 15 points 2 bonus points
Dallas protects its water resources and its communities from flooding and drought	Dallas Protects and enhances its ecosystems, trees, and green spaces that in turn improve public health	All Dallas' communities have access to healthy, local food	All Dallas communities breathe clean air
 WATER RESOURCES	 ECOSYSTEMS	 FOOD ACCESS	 AIR QUALITY
6 questions 11 points 1 bonus point	5 questions 8 points 2 bonus points	3 questions 4 points -	3 questions 7 points -
Leadership and Policy Questions			
8 questions			
17 points			
1 bonus point			
Industry Specific Questions			
4 questions			
8 points			

97 points + 10 bonus points = 107 TOTAL points

10 Categories

50 Total Questions

Applicant Information

Complete the form below and please fill out the following information

Contact Information	
Full Name	
Title	
Phone number	
Email	
Business Information	
Company Name	
Physical Address	
	Circle or highlight the answer that best applies
Building Size	<div>a. <999 sq. ft.</div> <div>b. 1000-4999 sq. ft.</div> <div>c. c. 5000-9999 sq. ft.</div> <div>d. d. >10,000 sq. ft.</div>
Property Lot Size	<div>a. <.49 acres</div> <div>b. .5-.99 acres</div> <div>c. 1-4.9 acres</div> <div>d. 5-9.9 acres</div> <div>e. >10 acres</div>
Number of Employees	<div>a. <99 people</div> <div>b. 100-499 people</div> <div>c. 500-999 people</div> <div>d. 1,000-4,999 people</div> <div>e. >5,000 people</div>
Building Type	<div>a. Hospital</div> <div>b. Hotel</div> <div>c. Industrial</div> <div>d. Mall</div> <div>e. Mixed Use</div> <div>f. Office</div> <div>g. Other</div> <div>h. Place of Worship</div> <div>i. Restaurant</div> <div>j. Retail</div>

Industry Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agriculture/ Forestry b. Construction c. Education d. Finance & Insurance e. Healthcare f. Hospitality: lodging, entertainment, restaurants g. IT h. Manufacturing i. Media & Communications j. Other k. Real Estate & Property Management l. Retail m. Telecommunications n. Transportation & Logistics
Lease or Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lease b. Own
<p>By checking this box you are agreeing to the eligibility requirements and that the information submitted is accurate and not or misleading and have read the following disclaimer: While efforts are made to provide accurate and helpful information, the City of Dallas is not a leading authority regarding climate change or sustainability. This scorecard is intended for general practices and businesses should consult with the appropriate resources professional advice to see what sustainability measures can be applied to your company.</p>	

Sustainability Scorecard

Circle or highlight your answer choice. Feel free to use the additional spacing to tally points.

Examples:

Question	Points
<p>Example 1: Yes or No Question. Most of the questions will be asked in a Yes or no format.</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>An explanation will be detailed here to help answer and provide additional context.</p>	Use this space to insert points
<p>Example 2: Multiple Choice. There will be some questions that can have multiple answers. If more than 2 answer choices are selected, an additional bonus point will be added</p> <p>A B C</p> <p>An explanation will be detailed here to help answer and provide additional context.</p>	
	Bonus Point
Total Category Points	

Buildings	
<p>1. Has your facility checked or installed the following items for improved weatherization this past year? (1 point)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Weather stripping or seals on doors and windows b. Insulation c. Water heater insulation d. HVAC maintenance e. A programmable or "smart" thermostat f. None 	
Facilities should document their routine maintenance checks and building inspections at least once a year. Weatherization checks can save in wasted energy and costs and even catch potentially costly repairs. For every \$1.00 spent on weatherization efforts, \$2.78 in nonenergy benefits is returned. ¹	Bonus Point
<p>2. Does the facility offer electric vehicle charging or is it within a ten-minute walking distance of an EV charging station? (3 points)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Yes No </div> <p>If a charging station is not offered on site, the walk to the nearest station should be within a comfortable walking distance.</p>	
<p>3. Does the building actively work to prevent and manage mold by using the following methods? (2 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leak detectors b. Proper ventilation c. Dehumidifiers d. None 	
According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the ideal humidity is between 30-50%. ² Management should be able to use various methods to help keep humidity levels at safe and comfortable. Some of these ventilation methods include that all HVAC Systems and drain lines are being properly maintained, windows can easily be opened or closed, exhaust fans are functioning. Other options not listed such as fans, may also be accepted. ³	Bonus Point

- Weather stripping or seals on doors and windows
- Insulation
- Water heater insulation
- HVAC maintenance
- A programmable or "smart" thermostat
- None

Bonus Point

Yes No

- a. Leak detectors
- b. Proper ventilation
- c. Dehumidifiers
- d. None

Bonus Point

Buildings Continued

4. Which certifications or achievements, if any, has been accomplished by your business? (3 points)

- a. U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® or SITES®
- b. Living Building Challenge
- c. Architecture 2030 Challenge
- d. Well Building Standard
- e. None
- f. Other, please explain

Insert Explanation here:

This is an opportunity for a business to show any other sustainability certifications that they have been awarded.

Bonus Point

Total Category Points

Energy

1. Does your business have a goal or goals to save energy and lower your energy bill(s) each year? (1 point)

Yes

No

To earn points, a written goal with clear steps to achieve that goal and save energy is needed. The goal should also specify how long it should take for the goal to be met. Tracking energy use (such as comparing monthly bill statements) can help set realistic targets and progress. This is also known as benchmarking.⁴

2. Did the business succeed in meeting at least one goal to reduce energy last year? (2 points)

Yes

No

To earn points, the energy usage goal for the previous year or previous time frame (doesn't necessarily have to be a year if the goal specifies a separate amount of time) must be achieved. If you did not have a goal, points should not be awarded.

3. Is at least 50% of the building powered by natural/renewable energy resources, such as solar panels or wind turbines? (3 points)

Yes

No

For these points, call your electric or energy provider to see if renewable energy can be purchased or if you are already doing so. On site generation or renewable energy credits will also be considered.⁵

Energy Continued

4. Do employees have to turn off assigned electronics or use "sleep mode" settings, such as laptops and monitors, when they are not in use? (2 points)

Yes

No

To receive points, employees should be encouraged to use computer settings that allow sleep mode or hibernation when they are no longer working. Power strips may also be substituted to turn off equipment over non working days or holidays. For larger facilities or facilities that operate 24 hours daily, this does not include equipment or machinery that is required to perform at all times. If there are administrator power settings or a policy in place that would be accepted for points. The goal of this credit is to reduce "idle load electricity", also called "vampire energy" ⁶.

5. Does the facility have appliances with energy saving labels, such as Energy Star ®? (2 points)

Yes

No

For this credit, at least 75% of appliances must be Energy Star Certified ® or have a similar label. Some programs will have a product finder guide to see if your appliance qualifies.

6. Does most of the indoor lighting help reduce energy usage? (1 point)

Yes

No

For this credit, at least 75% of light fixtures should have either energy saving bulbs, such as LEDs, have automated fixtures that can be wirelessly/remotely controlled, or motion sensor fixtures. The use of natural lighting to replace room fixtures is also accepted to receive this point.⁷

Total Category Points

Transportation	
<p>1. Does the business offer work from home options? (3 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>The business should allow employees some type of work from home option on a regular basis. This does not have to apply to all employees.</p>	
<p>2. Does the business encourage employees to avoid single occupancy vehicle driving? (3 points)</p> <p>a. Employee showers</p> <p>b. Bike repair kit</p> <p>c. Well lit and covered bike racks</p> <p>d. None</p>	
<p>These benefits can help encourage employees reduce pollution from transportation. Additionally, employers may be able to partner with DART Access to make ride sharing more affordable. Seniors, veterans, and students may also seek additional discounts⁸.</p>	Bonus Point
<p>3. Does your business track how employees get to work to better understand its impact on pollution, through options such as Try Parking It⁹? (1 point)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>Knowing how employees commute can help give a clearer understanding of the business's overall pollution impact. There are easy ways, such as apps or driving logs, to help record commutes.</p>	
Total Category Points	

Solid Waste

1. Does your business have a goal or goals to reduce waste each year? (1 point)

Yes

No

To earn points, a written goal with clear steps to achieve that goal and save energy is needed. The goal should also specify how long it should take for the goal to be met. To start, businesses need to start tracking how much of their waste is going to the landfill and then how much is recycled if that applies.

2. Did the business succeed in meeting at least one goal to reduce waste last year? (2 points)

Yes

No

To earn points, the waste usage goal for the previous year or previous time frame (doesn't necessarily have to be a year if the goal specifies a separate amount of time) must be achieved. Zero waste certifications will also be accepted as points if those have been achieved. If you did not have a goal, points should not be awarded.

3. Does the business have a plan to reduce, reuse, recycle, or compost all types of waste? (3 points)

Yes

No

An adequate program should address each of these solutions, establish basic tracking and monitoring, and include an employee training and education component. This plan should also cover all kinds of waste (solid, liquid, hazardous, organic, recyclables) and include ways to track progress. This is also sometimes called a waste diversion program¹⁰.

4. Are all the trash and recycling bins (inside and out) clearly marked? (1 point)

Yes

No

Clear labels make it easier for everyone to recycle correctly. Best practices include large labels or symbols for easier sorting.

Solid Waste Continued

5. Does the facility use large, shared trash bins in central spots rather than individual desk bins? (1 point)

Yes

No

Also known as centralized waste receptacles, this encourages proper waste disposal and reduces custodial work. For example, some spaces utilize them on each floor. If both options are used, please select Yes.

6. Does your business perform any of the options below when it concerns electronics, furniture, appliances, or other equipment when items are no longer needed or working? (2 points)

- a. Auctioned
- b. Donated
- c. Repurposed
- d. Recycled
- e. Trashed

It's best to reduce waste by reducing or reusing items first. Keeping track of where these items go helps prevent them going to a landfill.

Solid Waste Continued	
<p>7. Does the business recycle the following? (2 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Batteries b. Electronics c. Cardboard d. Glass e. Paper f. Plastic g. Metal h. Other i. None <p>Recycling containers should be provided for each recycled material for better safety and sorting. Under a waste diversion program, metrics should be calculated for each material.</p>	
	Bonus Point
<p>8. What percentage of the total waste was kept out of the landfill last year? To calculate To calculate take the weight of recycling ÷ (weight of recycling + garbage) x 100 (3 points).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <25% b. 26-50% c. 51-74% d. <75% e. None <p>Use the calculation listed above to determine the waste diversion rate by simply filling in the two weights at the top. If the weight cannot be estimated, start by contacting the waste service provider to determine what those numbers are.</p>	
Total Category Points	

Water Resources

1. Does your business have a goal or goals to save water and lower your water bill each year? (1 point)

Yes

No

To earn points, a written goal with clear steps to achieve that goal and save water is needed. The goal should also specify how long it should take for the goal to be met. Tracking water use (such as comparing monthly bill statements) can help set realistic targets and progress. This is also known as benchmarking¹¹.

2. Did the business succeed in meeting at least one goal to reduce water last year? (2 points)

Yes

No

To earn points, the water usage goal for the previous year or previous time frame (doesn't necessarily have to be a year if the goal specifies a separate amount of time) must be achieved.

3. Does the majority ($\geq 75\%$) of landscaping use native or drought friendly plants (xeriscaping) and are they watered according to the City of Dallas Water Conservation Ordinance? (2 points)

Yes

No

This applies to businesses that are able to control their own landscaping. The Dallas Water Conservation Ordinance has guidelines between April 1 and October 31st. Landscaping may only be watered twice a week and outside the hours of 10 am - 6 pm¹². See the ordinance for more information. For those under a lease or unable to control watering practices, there are other easy opportunities for points and is one of the reasons why this question is worth two points. Landscaping is important though because as much as 50% of outdoor water use is wasted from inefficient watering methods and system¹³.

Water Resources Continued	
<p>4. Does the facility use grey water (like water from sinks or showers) recycling for things like watering or flushing toilets? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Grey water is water that has been used but is not from toilets, food prep, or laundry, like from showers or bathroom sinks¹⁴. Grey water can be reused in multiple ways and captured in various systems. Water reuse systems should be installed on site and follow state requirements.</p>	
<p>5. Are at least 75% of faucets, sinks or toilets, or other water fixtures considered "low flow" or labeled WaterSense® products? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>For this credit, at least 75% of amenities should be considered low flow or have a WaterSense® label. WaterSense® labels are from the EPA and identify products that are generally 20% more water efficient compared to similar products¹⁵.</p>	
<p>6. Does the facility use any of these methods to reduce storm run off? (2 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rain barrels b. Rain garden c. Green roof d. Permeable pavement e. Redirecting downspouts f. None <p>All these attributes should be functional and either capture or redirect water. Green roofs and permeable pavement should both follow any applicable City of Dallas Code Standards¹⁶.</p>	<p>Bonus Point</p>
<p>Total Category Points</p>	

Ecosystems

1. Does the outdoor lighting actively limit light pollution (motion detection, low level, etc.)? (1 point)

Yes

No

Does not apply

This applies to businesses that are able to control their own outdoor lighting. There are several standards to help see if your lighting qualifies such as BUG Zones and the Luminaire Classification System¹⁷. This also includes parking lot lighting for those that are able to do so. For those under a lease or unable to control outside fixtures, there are other easy opportunities for points and is one of the reasons why this question is worth one point. Light pollution wastes electricity and negatively impacts wildlife and human health¹⁸.

2. Does the business have additional actions beyond state regulations to conserve or protect Texas land? One bonus point will be awarded for actions located in a Tier 1 Conservation Area (check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Map for "Tier 1") (2 points)

- a. Achieving stricter environmental standards for TCEQ permits
- b. Conservation easements
- c. Donations to Texas wildlife conservation
- d. Establishing wildlife areas
- e. Habitat restoration
- f. Other (please explain)

Insert Explanation here:

Actions can range from pursuing stricter environmental standards, habitat restoration, and other mitigation solutions that protect and preserve local wildlife and natural resources. There are multiple ways to achieve points, which is why we are asking for an explanation if one of the options does not fit. Access the map here using this link below:

[Texas Parks & Wildlife Map](#)

Bonus Point

Ecosystems

3. Does the building provide outdoor seating for employees to take breaks, or is there an outdoor seating area within a ten minute walk? (1 point)

Yes

No

This credit can be as simple as offering a bench outside or as robust as an entire park.

4. Does the building have features that help local wildlife? (2 points)

- a. Bat/bird boxes
- b. Bird baths or water features
- c. Bird safe windows
- d. Leaving leaf litter alone in the spring or fall
- e. Native species plants
- f. Pollinator gardens
- g. Wildlife friendly fencing
- h. None

Bonus Point

The purpose of these features is to benefit wildlife. If the facility decides to put up bad or bird boxes, they must follow Texas Parks and Wildlife guidelines, which state average birds should have 1 bird box per 1 acre (varies upon larger species) and groups of 3 or more bat boxes per 100 acres. Bird safe windows should apply to all windows. Pollinator and native species gardens should mimic the local ecosystem¹⁹.

5. If the facility uses chemicals to control pests or weeds, are safer, natural methods, like organic sprays or biological controls used to reduce their use? (2 points)

Yes

No

The intent of this question is for businesses to use alternative solutions to replace the use hazardous chemicals for pest management operations, whether it be to eliminate plants, animals, or fungi. Acceptable solutions include integrated pest management, biopesticides, or minimal risk pesticides, which reduce the risk of harm to human and ecological health²⁰.

Total Category Points

Food and Urban Agriculture

1. Can employees easily store, heat, and cool their lunch brought from home instead of going out to buy lunch? (1 point)

Yes

No

Encouraging employees to bring their lunch rather than driving to get lunch saves on fuel. The amount of storage space should be factored based on the number of employees and is up to the business's discretion. Providing sinks may also encourage reusable tableware and cutlery.

2. Does the business ban single use plastics (like plastic forks or cups) or encourage reusable dinnerware? (2 points)

Yes

No

Depending on the facility's needs and size, points can be achieved in various ways. For the average office kitchen, simple signage and storage for reusable dishware is adequate. For more elaborate facilities where utensils and dishware are utilized by patrons or are needed at certain events, this policy should be more formal via written policy or procurement standards. Reusable serveware such as forks or cups saves from repurchasing more items and reduces waste to the landfill.

3. Does the facility have water bottle filling station(s) for employees? (1 point)

Yes

No

For this credit, there is not a minimum requirement; the number of water stations should be to the business's discretion. The purpose is to encourage refillable water bottles rather than disposable plastic ones.

Total Category Points

Air Quality

1. Does your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system meet the newest standards for clean indoor air (ex. ASHRAE 62)? (3 points)

Yes

No

The HVAC system should be checked or tested to see if it complies with the latest indoor air quality standards. If it does not meet the standards, then the points should not be awarded.

2. Does the business use eco-friendly cleaning products or disinfectants, for example like those with a Safer Choice label, for at least half of products purchased? (2 points)

Yes

No

To qualify, at least half of cleaning products or disinfectants should have a certification label that indicates the product is safer for the environment and human health. Safer Choice and Green Seal are just some examples of common ecolabels²¹.

3. Does the building have a written rule about no smoking/vaping indoors or limit smoking to a specific area? (2 points)

Yes

No

The policy should be written and all buildings should be following signage according to Dallas City Code²².

Total Category Points

Leadership and Policy

1. If the business provides uniforms, are they made of non plastic fabrics like cotton or linen? (1 point)

Yes ☐ N ☐ Not Applicable

Fabrics such as linen or cotton, provide clothing that is derived from nature and plastic free. Synthetic materials, such as nylon or polyester, can shed microplastics (smaller pieces of plastics) onto you and the environment acting as another pollutant. To qualify for this point, at minimum work polos or shirts must be plastic free²³. This credit does not apply to safety uniforms.

2. Does the building have signs explaining its sustainability policy and efforts to be greener and embrace sustainable solutions? (1 point)

Yes ☐ N ☐

Signs encourage greener actions for patrons or staff. The signs can be formal or informal, no size requirement or number is required. This action can include signs in the restrooms to conserve water, reminders to turn lights or computers off, or even to mark pollinator gardens.

3. Does the business have a written policy or sections within larger policies for being environmentally responsible, like sustainable procurement? (3 points)

Yes ☐ N ☐

The policy should outline a clear stance and actions towards environmental stewardship. It does not have to be standalone and can be referenced in other documents. The point is that it is documented.

4. Does the business have a "Green Team" who makes sure eco friendly practices and goals are kept current and provides regular trainings? (3 points)

Yes ☐ No ☐

This means having someone (or a team) specifically responsible for overseeing the business's green efforts and certifications.

Leadership and Policy Continued

5. Does the business have a goal to reduce its carbon footprint or the amount of greenhouse gas emissions it produces? (3 points)

Yes

No

The goal should be realistic, achievable, and outlined in a plan that can strategically reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions directly or indirectly associated within a certain amount of time. Calculating your greenhouse gas emissions shows how "green" or "not green" your operations are. An assessment can show potential areas of improvement and how to be greener²⁴.

6. Does the business offer education or training for employees or local residents about environmental topics? (2 point)

Yes

No

Workforce education can be expanded to include environmental concepts. This can be informal, such as a one pager, or formal through a presentation or course. All educational content should be easily accessible. Ideally, utilization rates should be monitored to gain feedback and participation rates.

7. Does the business enhance community identity through opportunities such as: (2 points)

Preserving historic qualities or information related to the site

Participating in community events

Donating

Volunteering

Working with local artist

Other

None

Bonus Point

A business must participate in at least one activity twice a year or participate in two events to qualify for two points. For example, a business can do a volunteering event in the spring and fall or a business can do one volunteering event and hire a community artist for one event to qualify for two points. Businesses that participate in 3 or more events qualify for the bonus point.

Leadership and Policy Continued

8. Does the business buy products with fair trade certification labels or support buying practices that endorse ethically sourced materials? (2 points)

Yes

No

There are different ways to achieve this credit. The easiest is through a documented policy that determines how the business supports these types of actions. Another way is to set a goal that determines the percentage of products that should be certified with the appropriate metrics and reporting.

Total Category Points

Industry Specific Questions (only answer the industry category that best matches your business)

General Business and Retail

1. Does the facility mostly use emails or online methods for marketing and billing instead of paper? (2 points)

Yes

No

Paper products should be available upon request. No more than 25% of marketing and billing items should require paper.

2. Does the business encourage the use of office plants? (2 points)

Yes

No

House plants are a simple way to bring nature indoors and allows employees easy personalization of their desk space.

3. Does your office incentivize greener actions for employees? (2 points)

Yes

No

The idea is to reward employees for participating in greener actions and policies. This can include transportation subsidies in employee benefits packages, paid time off, sustainable gifts, green appreciation days, a work from home day, lunches, and a variety of other options to help employees feel better about green behaviors.

4. Are carpooling arrangements generally made for staff when they need to meet off site? (2 points)

Yes

No

When a group of staff are required to meet in person and off campus, arrangements should be set in place to encourage car pooling. While this policy does not have to be formal, management should be offering these arrangements for half of these types of trips.

Total Category Points

Healthcare	
<p>1. Are there routine trainings in place that teach staff to safely and responsibly sort or reduce medical waste? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>Trainings can be in person, online, or even through materials such as booklets or brochures.</p>	
<p>2. Are patient's families offered discounts or other offers to stay at nearby hotels or other local lodging? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No N/A</p> <p>Discounts or medical rates provide families with greater peace of mind and can help reduce transportation associated emissions. Clinics or hospital staff should be able to provide patients' families with discounted lodging options within a 5-mile radius.</p>	
<p>3. If emergency power is used, does it come from a renewable source? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No N/A</p> <p>Back up energy or emergency power should be supplied renewably. This can vary in the form of a generator, batteries, microgrids, or any other technology that allows the elimination of fossil fuels when a back up or secondary power supply needs to be utilized²⁵.</p>	
<p>4. Has your facility recently upgraded any industry specific equipment (autoclaves, scanning equipment) to models that save on utility expenses? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>This is an opportunity for medical facilities to demonstrate any new equipment advancements or replacements that allows them to be more efficient through their water or energy use within the past two years.</p>	
Total Category Points	

Hospitality	
<p>1. Does the business have a plan to reduce food waste (can include scrap recycling with farms, portion sizes, surplus donations)? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>Businesses should be able to demonstrate these practices in the form of a goal with metrics and reporting, or through a partnership agreement.</p>	
<p>2. Are at least ten percent of meals or dishes offered vegetarian or meatless options? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>To earn this credit, at least ten percent of the menu should have vegetarian or plant-based options. This means one out of ten total dishes should be meatless. For each meatless meal, approximately 133 gallons of water is saved in a 221 study²⁶.</p>	
<p>3. Does the facility focus on seasonal ingredients? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>The facility should have different menus based on what is locally available and in season. Taking advantage of seasonal goods can potentially save costs by limiting the number of imported goods that would otherwise be more expensive to ship in.</p>	
<p>4. Does the facility have its own garden for its produce or its floral arrangements? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>The garden should be well maintained and used throughout the growing seasons. The garden can be for local produce or for the facility's floral arrangements. There is not a garden size or quantity requirement.</p>	
Total Category Points	

Trade and Manufacturing	
<p>1. Does the facility have ways to reduce wait times and traffic congestion for shipments? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>To achieve these points, this can be something simple such as proper scheduling or better communication requirements, or it can be sophisticated to include automated notifications or management software.</p>	
<p>2. Does the facility have a rule to use less packaging and materials for shipping or handling goods, particularly non-biodegradable such as plastics? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>Instead of packaging peanuts and paper fill, employees should be encouraged to use one type of fill and smaller boxes. Other solutions include reusable shipping and mailing products such as durable mailers, containers designed for multiple uses, reusable shipping boxes, bulk containers, and reusable envelopes and pallets to name a few. This should be a formal policy and reinforced through simple training.</p>	
<p>3. Are at least 50% of parking spaces covered (e.g. canopies or garage)? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>Covered parking spaces can be in the form of canopies or a garage. Covered parking spaces alone can reduce the urban heat island effect but can also multifunctional²⁷.</p>	
<p>4. Does the facility use permeable pavement (pavement that lets rain water soak through)? (2 points)</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>To qualify for this credit, permeable pavement can be applied to multiple projects ranging from a sidewalk, street, or parking lot. There is no minimum requirement for size, but the pavement must be in a good state of repair and functioning to allow water to seep through to the ground unlike traditional concrete or asphalt surfaces²⁸.</p>	
Total Category Points	
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