



Jersey City

Green Business Certification Program Checklist

Thank you for your interest in becoming a certified green business! Kindly refer to the checklist below to assess what practices you have implemented thus far to meet the program requirements.

Participants must reach 15 points to qualify. Use this checklist before submitting your Green Business Program application. Visit jcmakeitgreen.org/greenbusiness for more information.

Waste Management and Prevention (Check all that apply)

- Never use styrofoam packaging [3 pts]
- Set up customer recycling with proper signage [1 pt]
- Promote reusable bag use by distributing free reusable bags or offering a discount for people who bring their own bags [3 pts]
- Offer other optional packaging and/or offer customer discounts for reusable packaging [2 pts]
- Purchase or sell recycled packaging or other items (for example - 30% post consumer recycled paper or packaging) [2 pts]
- Properly recycle business products and customer waste [1 pt]
- Share office space and/or office equipment with other businesses [3 pts]
- Compost food waste and/or recycle oil (*Food service business*) [3 pts]
- Provide alternative(s) to plastic single-use straws, cups, utensils, and/or plates (*Food service business*) [3 pts]
- Serve drinking water only on request (*Food service business*) [1 pt]
- Donate pre-consumer leftover food to local shelters/pantries [3 pts]

Energy Use (Check all that apply)

- Renewables: Purchase electricity generated from 100% renewable sources [4 pts]
- Efficiency: Install energy-efficient light bulbs, fixtures, systems, and/or appliances [4 pts]
- Business located in a LEED, Green Globes, Passive House, or similarly-certified building [4 pts]
- Conservation: Lower thermostat, turn off lights / computers / appliances at end of workday [1 pt]



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Water Conservation (Check all that apply)

- Use low flow toilets and aerators for faucets and shower heads [3 pts]
- Plant a new street tree or manage stormwater on your property using green or gray infrastructure [2 pts]
- Adopt a catch basin and help reduce flooding by keeping it free of debris and litter [1 pt]

Transportation (Check all that apply)

- Offer commuter benefits for customers or employees [3 pts]
- Purchase / use hybrid or fuel-efficient delivery vehicles [3 pts]
- Offer bike racks or other bike parking for employees / customers [2 pts]

Sourcing / Purchasing (Check all that apply)

- At least 20% of your products are from regional sources (within 250 miles) [2 pts]
- At least 20% of food used for catering events are from certified organic and/or regional farms (within 250 miles) [2 pts]
- At least 50% of the cleaning products you use or sell are from certified green sources such as Green Seal, EPA Safer Choice, ECOLOGO UL Green Guard, and/or Chlorine Free Products Association [2 pts]
- Purchase or sell at least 20% certified organically grown products [2 pts]
- Purchase or sell repurposed or "upcycled" goods [2 pts]

Total points: _____