California Green Business Program

Checklist preview

Program: City of Thousand Oaks
Sector: Garment Cleaning
Date: 23 August 2017



General

GENERAL Certification Measures (3 Required + 1 Optional measures required)

| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
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| DESCRIPTION 1. Environmental Policy must be adopted on business letterhead, signed by an owner or executive. The policy must address at least the following sections: Recycling, Toxics Reduction, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing, Resource Conservation, Education | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 2. Inform your customers about what you're doing to be green. Examples: Post a list of your efforts in a visible location, promote green products or services as green, talk about it in your company newsletter, highlight your efforts on your website and link to the Green Business website, and offer tours that highlight your green-ness. | | | | |
| 3. Encourage employee participation in greening your business through employee orientations and trainings, employee evaluations, staff meeting discussions, company newsletters, brochures or other materials, and/or by having incentive or reward programs. | | | | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION 1. Establish a 'green team' that can help guide efforts to green your business. | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 2. Assist at least one other business in learning about becoming a Green Business. Encourage them to enroll in the Green Business Program and provide their contact information to your GBP coordinator. | | | | |



Environmentally preferable purchasing (2 Required + 4 Optional measures required)

| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
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| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Purchase copier/printer paper with at least 30% post consumer waste. | | | | |
| 2. Purchase janitorial paper (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) with minimum 35% post consumer waste. | | | | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Purchase restaurant products (e.g., paper napkins, plates, bowls, cups, and serving trays) with post-consumer recycled-content. | | | | |
| 2. Use letterhead, envelopes and business cards containing a minimum of 50% post consumer waste recycled content, recommended 100%. | | | | |
| 3. Buy products in bulk or that are concentrated, durable, repairable, and/or recyclable, making sure that you need all you are ordering. | | | | |
| 4. Purchase office/copier paper with 100% post consumer waste. | | | | |
| 5. Purchase reusable garment bags with post-consumer waste/recycled content. | | | | |
| 6. Purchase or obtain previously used furniture, supplies or materials (freecycle.org, Craigs List). | | | | |
| 7. Purchase pencils, rulers and other desk accessories with recycled content. | | | | |
| 8. Remodel/build with materials containing recycled content. | | | | |
| 9. Retailers - stock/sell products that are less toxic or less polluting than conventional products. | | | | |
| 10. Work with vendors to minimize packaging; Ask vendors to take back packaging and used/damaged product for reuse or recycling. (e.g require chemical suppliers to take back empty drums and containers). | | | | |
| 11. Purchase reusable rather than disposable office items such as refillable pens, erasable white boards wall calendars. | | | | |
| Solid waste reduction and recycling (2 Required + 7 Optional m | neasur | es req | uired) | |
| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |

| 1. Eliminate the use of polystyrene, such as Styrofoam, in beverages and food service ware. | |
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| 2. Make two sided printing and copying standard practice in your business (set printers and copiers to default to duplex printing). Make single-sided the exception instead of the rule. | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES NO N/A Post |
| 1. Compost or recycle landscape debris and trimmings. | |
| 2. Manage incoming and outgoing mail. | |
| 3. For events, use reusable dishware when possible. If disposable dishware is necessary, use recyclable or compostable options (require the same of caterers). | |
| 4. Eliminate individual bottles of water for employees and guests. | |
| 5. Print on the back side of previously printed on paper. Either use a second tray of the printer for such paper or keep it stacked next to the printer for hand loading. | |
| 6. Reduce printing of emails, attachments and documents. | |
| 7. Compost food waste (where available). | |
| 8. Provide reusable nylon bags for customers to buy and in which they can transport their dirty clothes. After being cleaned, the clothes can be hung on hangers and covered with the nylon bag rather than plastic wrap. | |
| 9. Donate furniture, supplies, scrap materials, etc., or use a waste exchange program where another business can take your unwanted items. | |
| 10. Reuse garbage bag liners. | |
| 11. Designate a reuse area for office supplies such as binders, folders and staplers. | |
| 12. Reuse paper or plastic packaging materials in your own shipments. | |

| 13. Retailers: Offer incentives for customers who bring their own reusable bags, coffee mugs, etc. (or disincentives such as charging fees for bags). | | | | |
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| 14. Leave mowed grass on lawn (grasscycling). | | | | |
| 15. Send and receive faxes directly from computers without printing. | | | | |
| 16. Use electronic billing methods to invoice customers and receive payment. | | | | |
| 17. In the lunch/break room, replace disposables with permanent ware (mugs, dishes, utensils, etc.) and use refillable containers for sugar, salt pepper, etc. to avoid individual condiment packets. | | | | |
| Waste management (4 Required + 0 Optional measures requir | ed) | | | |
| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Schedule a free waste assessment for your business. | | | | |
| 2. Provide recycling containers at convenient and appropriate locations (i.e., lobbies, guest rooms, vending machines, kitchens, next to garbage containers, desks, etc.). | | | | |
| 3. Recycle all paper, glass, metal, cardboard and plastics accepted in your area. | | | | |
| 4. Collect items that are prohibited from the garbage (batteries, CFLs, cellphones and other electronics, etc.) and institute a program for their safe disposal. | | | | |
| Energy Energy Conservation (5 Required + 11 Optional measures requ | ired) | | | |
| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Convert ALL non-exhibition and non-performance lighting fixtures to energy efficient alternatives, such as compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), LED's, ceramic metal halide, or high intensity discharge lighting. | | | | |

| 2. Incandescent bulbs that are not replaced with compact fluorescents are replaced with LEDs. | |
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| 3. Complete regularly scheduled maintenance on your HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system at least twice a year which includes: Cleaning or replacing filters on heating and air-conditioning units; Performing maintenance at least twice a year; Cleaning air-conditioning condenser coils four times a year. Maintaining proper function of economizers on Air-Conditioning units. | |
| 4. Assign staff to track energy bills over time, looking for sudden rises in use. | |
| 5. Replace all T-12 fluorescent lighting with energy-efficient T-8 or T-5 fixtures with electronic ballasts or other equivalent efficacy lighting. | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | |
| DESCRIPTION 1. Create a plan to hold bi-annual training for staff on energy | YES NO N/A Post |
| conservation measures. | |
| 2. Install a programmable thermostat and set to 78 degrees for cooling and 68 degrees for heating. Use the night setback, and if no night setback is available, during unoccupied hours set thermostat to 90 degrees for cooling and 55 degrees for heating. | |
| 3. Plug all radios, cell phone chargers, fans, heaters, and other personal electronics into a power strip that can be turned off when not in use. These devices draw energy 24/7, even when switched off. | |
| 4. Set hot water heaters to standard 120-140° F. | |
| 5. If you pay your energy bill, track monthly energy use using a spreadsheet or online tool (check with your utility provider or try Energy Star's Portfolio Manager). | |
| 6. Use or invest in renewable energy for at least 50% of your energy needs. | |
| 7. Use light switch reminders to remind staff to turn off lights when not in use. | |
| 8. Replace or supplement an A/C system with an evaporative cooler. | |
| 9. Employ solar energy to supply a supplemental source of energy to the building | |
| 10. Clean lint filters after every drying load. | |

| 11. Use an ENERGY STAR clothes washer. | |
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| 12. Use task lighting instead of lighting the entire area. | |
| 13. Institute a policy that all electronic devices, lighting and room cooling units be turned off when not in use and use light switch reminders to remind staff to turn off the same. | |
| 14. Use an outside air intake for air compressors (cool air takes less energy to compress). | |
| 15. Use energy-efficient double paned windows on at least 90% of windows. | |
| 16. Apply window film to reduce heat. | |
| 17. Shade sun-exposed windows and walls using awnings, sunscreens, trees or shrubbery. | |
| 18. Use occupancy sensors to control air conditioning and heat. | |
| 19. Replace single or package A/C unit with one that exceeds Title 24 building standards. | |
| 20. Use and maintain economizers on A/C to increase air circulation. | |
| 21. Use ceiling fans to promote air circulation. High edge of blade must go forward first in winter, forcing air down, reverse in summer. | |
| 22. Use a 365 day programmable thermostat to control heating and air conditioning. | |
| 23. Use lighting controls such as dual technology occupancy sensors, bypass/delay timers, photocells or time clocks. | |
| 24. Use energy efficient exit signs, such as LEDs. | |
| 25. Reduce number of fixtures or lamps per fixture. | |
| 26. Use ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators (those over 10 years old should be replaced). | |
| 27. Use a solar water heater or preheater. | |
| 28. Use instantaneous hot water heaters (or on demand systems) at point of use | |

| 29. Insulate all hot water pipes, heaters, tanks and cold suction lines | | | | |
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| 30. Use weather stripping to seal air gaps around doors and windows. | | | | |
| 31. Use sensors on vending machines and place machines in shaded areas. | | | | |
| 32. Use power management software programs to automatically activate power management settings in computers and printers (seehttp://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=power_mgt.pr_power_mgt_enterp | orises). | | | |
| 33. Use ENERGY STAR® office equipment and enable energy saving features. | | | | |
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| 1. Adjust the irrigation schedule monthly during irrigation season, or as needed. | | | | |
| 2. Save water by programming the irrigation system to use shorter, repeated cycles of watering (3 start times of 3 minutes each instead of one start time of 10 minutes). | | | | |
| 3. Water during early morning, pre-dawn hours. | | | | |
| 4. Repair all broken or defective sprinkler heads/nozzles, meters, and water pipes, lines and valves. | | | | |
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| OPTIONAL MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Replace conventional automatic irrigation controller with a smart irrigation controller with weather module. | | | | |
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| 2. Reduce area of turf. | | | | |
| 3. Make necessary changes to assure proper hydro-zoning (grouping of plants with similar water needs and sprinkler types) of irrigated areas, for example, separate bed and turf zones. | | | | |
| 4. Plant drought tolerant plants that will not need pruning at maturity. | | | | |
| 5. Use reclaimed water, graywater or rainwater for irrigation . | | | | |
| 6. Install rain shut-off devices or moisture sensors that turn off the irrigation during rain. | | | | |
| 7. Apply mulch or compost in non-turf areas to improve the water holding capacity of the soil. | | | | |
| 8. Adjust sprinklers for proper coverage - optimizing spacing and avoiding runoff onto paved surfaces. Adjust sprinklers to achieve even water distribution and to eliminate all runoff. | | | | |
| 9. Use drip irrigation. | | | | |
| Water conservation (4 Required + 3 Optional measures require | d) | | | |
| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |

| 1. Retrofit toilets flushing at higher than 1.6 gallons with high efficiency toilets (1.28 gallons or less per flush). Your water utility may have a rebate program for high efficiency toilets. | |
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| 2. Install low flow aerators or control valves in faucets to meet 2010 CA Green Building Standards. Lavatory faucets-max flow rate-0.5 gpm, Self closing lavatory faucets max 0.25 gallons/cycle, kitchen faucets max flow rate 2.2 gpm. | |
| 3. Regularly check for and repair all leaks in your facility (toilet leaks can be detected in tank toilets with leak detecting tablets, which may be available from your local water provider, or use food coloring). | |
| 4. Assign a person to monitor water bills for sudden rises in use, and to track use over time. Call your water company should sudden rises occur. | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES NO N/A Post |
| 1. Replace all urinals flushing at greater than 1.0 gallon with high efficiency urinals, flushing at less than 0.5 gallons, or waterless urinals. Your water utility may have a rebate program for high efficiency urinals. | |
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| 2. Change window cleaning schedule from "periodic" to "as required." | |
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Air emissions reduction (1 Required + 4 Optional measures required)

| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
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| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |

| 1. Complete a CO2 or eco-footprint calculator to determine your own greenhouse gas emissions. | |
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| OPTIONAL MEASURES | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES NO N/A Post |
| 1. Encourage alternative modes of transportation via incentives for your employees, i.e. bus pass or small bonus. | |
| 2. Encourage commuter alternatives by informing employees, customers and others who visit your office about various transportation options (post bicycle route maps and transit schedules before driving directions). | |
| 3. Help employees rideshare by posting commuter ride sign-up sheets and providing other commuter incentive programs (e.g., rideshare incentive programs, guaranteed ride home in emergency situations, etc.). | |
| 4. Buy renewable energy credits or green tags to offset the CO2 emissions from your offices use of electricity and natural gas (see www.green-e.org). | |
| 5. Install renewable energy sources, such as solar panels or wind generators. Specify system size. | |
| 6. Use biodiesel (100% or blends) or vegetable diesel in place of petrodiesel in vehicles. | |
| 7. Convert company vehicles to low emission vehicles (electric, hybrid, natural gas or alternative fuels). | |
| 8. Provide secure bicycle storage for staff and customers. | |
| 9. Patronize services close to your business (e.g., food/catering, copy center, etc.) and encourage employees to do the same. | |
| Chemical reduction in garment cleaning facilities (4 Required + required) | 1 Optional measures |
| REQUIRED MEASURES | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES NO N/A Post |
| 1. Switch to using Carbon Dioxide or Wet Cleaning (steam and/or detergent) for garment washing. Eliminate the use of perchloroethylene. | |
| 2. Keep all containers properly labeled and covered, including small spot remover bottles and spray containers. | |

| 3. Replace chlorinated hydrocarbon spotting agents with spotting agents compatible with your particular cleaning system. Check with your equipment supplier for the safest, most effective spotters available. Some spotters can cross-contaminate your water or CO2 cleaning solutions, making your solution illegal to discharge to the sewer drains. | | | | |
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| 4. Assess chemicals used in your business by reviewing Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Prop.65 warnings on labels. Substitute with less toxic alternatives if available. Track the amounts of hazardous waste generated, and dispose of at local hazardous waste programs. | | | | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION 1. Provide sturdy, compatible, leak-proof secondary containment for large or bulk containers of cleaning agents. | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 2. Use laundry detergents that have little or no phosphates. | | | | |
| Pollution Prevention (3 Required + 5 Optional measures require | ed) | | | |
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| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | Ν/Δ | Post |
| 1. Use low toxic cleaning products in non-aerosol containers such as Green Seal certified (greenseal.org), EWG.org/skindeep, Safer Choice (epa.gov/saferchoice), SF Approved (sfapproved.org), or those with a GoodGuide rating of 8.1 or more (goodguide.com). | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
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| 3. When remodeling, use natural or low emissions building materials, carpets, or furniture. | |
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| 4. Buy recycled paint and low VOC products when available (paint, paint removal products, etc.). | |
| 5. Eliminate the routine use of all disinfectants and sanitizers, unless needed to comply with Environmental Health. | |
| 6. Purchase EPEAT certified (www.EPEAT.net) computers, laptops and monitors. | |
| 7. Print promotional materials with vegetable or other low-VOC inks. | |
| 8. Use unbleached and/or chlorine-free paper products (copy paper, paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, etc.). | |
| 9. Replace standard fluorescent lights with low mercury fluorescent lights. Approved models can be found at www.sfapproved.org. | |
| 10. Use one or a few low-toxicity multipurpose cleaners, rather than many special-purpose cleaners. | |
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| 4. Recycle excess paint/solvents (keep only what is needed for touch ups, then give remainder to hazardous waste collection program, donate to anti-graffiti program, or return to contractor or manufacturer). | |
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| 5. Use refilled or remanufactured laser and copier toner cartridges. | |
| 6. Use recycled oil for vehicles/equipment. | |
| 7. Obtain a battery recharger for the office. Use rechargeable (instead of disposable) batteries for flashlights, radios, remote controls, etc. | |
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| REQUIRED MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Keep dumpsters closed and impermeable to rainwater. Keep them from overflowing and keep dumpster/parking areas clean. | | | | |
| 2. Use drain plugs/screens in all floor drains and sink drains that allow for drainage of water but not solids. | | | | |
| 3. Regularly check and maintain storm drain openings and basins. Keep litter, debris and soil away from storm drains. | | | | |
| 4. Do not wash cars, equipment, floor mats or other items where run-off water flows straight to the storm drain. | | | | |
| 5. Ensure that no wastewater enters a storm drain. Only rain down the storm drain. | | | | |
| OPTIONAL MEASURES | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | YES | NO | N/A | Post |
| 1. Clean outdoor surfaces by dry sweeping. | | | | |
| 2. Post signs at targeted trouble spots (e.g., loading docks, dumpster areas, outside hoses) to explain proper practices to prevent pollutants from reaching storm drains. | | | | |

1 Other