

EnviroStars Green Business Program Checklist

VETERINARY/PET CARE SECTOR



Please tell us a little bit about your business so we can get your profile started and connect you to free resources.

Contact Info

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Email Address/Username: _____ Create Account Password: _____

Business Info

Business Name: _____ Business Phone Number: _____
Street Address: _____
Zip Code: _____ City: _____ Business Website: _____

About the Business

Number of Employees: _____ Approximate Business Sq. Ft.: _____ Approximate Landscape Sq. Ft.: _____
What is the building ownership status? **Own Building** **Rent Space** **Home Office**

Checklist

Please tell us which green actions you are currently taking at your business.
We will review your application and schedule an onsite visit to walk through your checklist, answer questions, and offer additional support resources.
Please be prepared to show evidence or documentation for all practices.

Rows highlighted in green represent core actions. Core actions must be completed for your business to earn EnviroStars recognition. Tally up your total points earned across all sector groups! More points=more recognition for your business!

TOTAL POINTS EARNED _____ **Tier 1: Leader** **Tier 2: Partner** **Tier 3: Champion**
100 points 300 points 500 points

ENERGY

/ 130 **Energy Points**

- 5 Contact your energy utility for advice on how to save energy, information on available incentives, and to request an energy assessment.
- 5 Turn off or unplug electronic equipment when not in use.
- 5 Monitor energy bill and graph your monthly energy use to identify unexplained high use.
- 15 Use or invest in renewable energy.
- 15 Install double-paned windows.
- 10 Complete maintenance on your HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system at least twice a year.
- 10 Schedule your programmable or smart thermostat to match employee and customer occupancy schedules.
- 10 Install daylight sensors or networked lighting controls so lighting is dimmed or turned off when adequate sunlight is available.
- 10 Use occupancy sensors, timers, or networked lighting controls for lighting in offices, restrooms, and storage areas.
- 10 Ensure >25% of eligible equipment—including cooking, refrigeration, and water heating equipment—is ENERGY STAR rated.
- 10 Seal and insulate heating and cooling ducts.
- 5 Keep exterior doors closed to reduce heat and cooling loss.
- 5 Set computers, computer monitors, and copiers to switch to standby mode after 15 minutes of inactivity. Or install a power strip.
- 5 Replace all non-LED lamps and fixtures with LEDs.
- 5 Ensure all exit and open/closed signs are LED.
- 5 Clean lint filters on clothes dryers after every load to increase efficiency.



POLLUTION PREVENTION

/ 150 Pollution Prevention Points

- 5 Have a pollution prevention spill kit, create and post a spill plan, and train staff.
- 5 Ensure that lids remain closed on waste, recycling, and compost containers located outside. Check for and repair leaks.
- 5 Keep receiving areas, loading docks, and parking areas free of litter, oil drips, and debris.
- 5 Empty all water used for cleaning in an indoor drain such as a utility sink. Never dump this water outside.
- 5 Properly store and use secondary containment, such as a bin or tub, for all hazardous materials.
- 5 Identify, properly label, and take steps to reduce all hazardous waste used or generated onsite.
- 5 Properly dispose of any hazardous waste.
- 15 Inspect storm drains quarterly. Clean them if they are more than half full, or if directed by local stormwater utility.
- 15 Label all stormwater drains with "no dumping" message.
- 15 Monitor any equipment and vehicles to identify and fix leaks.
- 10 Avoid pressure washing so that pollutants like dirt, soap, and chemicals are not washed into storm drains
- 10 Use cleaning products certified through Safer Choice (EPA Program), GreenSeal, or other programs whenever possible.
- 10 Select non-toxic, low- or no-VOC products, fixtures, and finishes.
- 10 Implement a pharmaceutical waste collection program for expired or unused pharmaceuticals.
- 10 Use digital X-ray and imaging equipment.
- 10 Use a steam autoclave or dry-heat oven to sterilize instruments.
- 10 Eliminate the use of all instruments and products that contain mercury.



SOLID WASTE

/ 100 Solid Waste Points

- 5 Recycle all paper, cans, bottles, jars, and cardboard allowed in your service area.
- 5 Monitor your internal and external waste collection bins to identify areas for improvement.
- 5 Post signage and labels on garbage, recycling, and compost bins showing what's accepted in each.
- 15 Implement paper towel composting or use high-efficiency hand dryers in restrooms.
- 15 Donate edible food to staff and/or food rescue programs.
- 10 Do not provide single-use plastic bags.
- 10 Eliminate single-use water bottles.
- 10 Reduce paper use by providing electronic alternatives (point-of-sale system, payroll, staff communications).
- 10 Set all printers to default to double-sided printing.
- 5 Place garbage/recycling/compost bins together to maximize recycling and reduce contamination.
- 5 Purchase paper products made from at least 30% post-consumer recycled content.
- 5 Compost food waste, food-soiled paper, compostable packaging, and any yard debris.



TRANSPORTATION

/ 80 Transportation Points

- 5 Adopt a transportation program that encourages employees to walk, bike, rideshare, or take transit as their primary commute method.
- 15 Provide electric vehicle charging stations.
- 15 Have >20% of company-owned vehicles be low- or zero-emission models (e.g., bicycle, EV, hybrid)
- 10 Implement a guaranteed/emergency ride home policy for employees who do not drive alone to work.
- 10 Provide your employees with easy access to transit passes through a pre-tax payroll deduction program and/or shared cost or full subsidy.
- 10 Offer secure bike parking for employees.
- 5 Use alternative transportation (e.g., walk, bike, transit, carpool, EV) for local work-related trips whenever possible.
- 5 Reduce shipping impacts by consolidating deliveries and requesting low-emissions transport.
- 5 Encourage a "no idling" policy for deliveries to and from your site.



WASTEWATER

/ 25 Wastewater Points

- 5 Place strainer baskets in sink drains to catch food waste. Put food waste in the compost bin, if available in your service area.
- 5 Post educational signage in restroom stalls indicating nothing but toilet paper should be flushed.
- 5 Scrape or wipe dishes and pans to remove remaining fats, oils, and grease (FOG) before washing.
- 10 Place trash cans in all restroom stalls to keep everything but toilet paper out of the toilet.



WATER

/ 110

- 5 Do not leave water running. Turn off water-using equipment when not in use.
- 5 Check for and repair leaks.
- 15 If your site has a cooling tower, install an electronic level controller.
- 10 Install WaterSense toilets that use no more than 1.28 gpf (gallons per flush).
- 10 Install low-flow urinals that use no more than .125 gpf (gallons per flush).
- 10 Sweep or mop floors and mats instead of hosing them down.
- 10 For any landscaping, select drought-tolerant plants.
- 10 For any landscaping, install electronic weather-based controller or change watering schedule to match changing weather.
- 10 Install low-flow showerheads that use no more than 1.8 gpm (gallons per minute).
- 10 Use a commercial car wash that reuses water for fleet washing. Do not wash fleets onsite.
- 5 Monitor your water bill for unexpected changes, which could indicate leaks or equipment malfunctions.
- 5 Install bathroom faucet aerators with a flow rate of no more than 0.5 gpm (gallons per minute).
- 5 Operate laundry machines only when fully loaded.

/ 65 **Community Points**

- 5 Provide annual (at minimum) training for employees on the sustainability best practices listed in this checklist.
- 15 Have a written environmentally preferable purchasing plan that guides purchasing decisions.
- 15 Achieve recognition or certification from another green business program such as LEED or B Corp.
- 10 Have an employee or green team supported by management to implement sustainability efforts.
- 10 Buy or sell locally manufactured products.
- 5 Support another EnviroStars business!
- 5 Communicate sustainability practices to customers.

OTHER

We understand that every business is unique and may be taking environmental, economic, and/or other social sustainability actions that aren't reflected on this checklist. We encourage you to list any additional actions below.

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CORE ACTION PLAN

Businesses are required to complete all core actions to be eligible for EnviroStars recognition. For core actions not yet complete, please note steps needed to implement these actions in the future or provide an explanation of why they are not applicable.