

The Greater Philadelphia Green Business Commitment

We, the undersigned businesses and institutions within the Greater Philadelphia area, care about the environmental impact of our operations, particularly with respect to global climate change and the protection of our water, air and other natural resources. We believe businesses (including nonprofits), educational institutions and governmental bodies must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling and sharing ways of minimizing our environmental footprint.

We further believe that businesses and institutions that exert leadership in addressing climate change and other environmental impacts will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, enhance their ability to recruit excellent professionals, and create marketing opportunities through recognition within the community. **Accordingly, we certify that our respective businesses and institutions have committed to take, within six months of first signing this Green Business Commitment (the “Commitment”), the following steps in order to reduce our environmental impact:**

1. Designate a Green Office Advocate or Green Office Committee to direct and coordinate fulfillment of this Commitment.
2. Implement the seven (7) Mandatory Measures designated as such on the attached Green Business Checklists for Owners and Tenants (each, a “Checklist”).
3. Implement any twenty (20) additional measures on the applicable (Owner or Tenant) Checklist (the “20 Elective Measures”).
4. Submit to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Southeast Regional Office, a Self-Certification Report indicating which items on the applicable (Owner or Tenant) Checklist have been implemented. The Self-Certification Report form is available on the Green Business Commitment website at www.phillygreenbiz.com.

We further certify that our respective companies and institutions have committed to take the following steps to further reduce our environmental impact:

5. Once the Self-Certification Report has been submitted, post and/or disseminate it (and all subsequent annual Self-Certification Reports) prominently within our respective businesses/institutions. We acknowledge that posting of the Self-Certification Report on our external websites, while not required as a condition of Membership, is strongly encouraged.
6. Constantly strive to implement additional measures identified on the Checklist and earn further recognition (including the tiers of membership indicated below):
 - a. Implementation of the seven (7) Mandatory Measures and 20 Elective Measures will qualify our businesses/institutions as **Basic Members**
 - b. Implementation of 45% of the Applicable Measures on the applicable Checklist (inclusive of the measures required to qualify as a Basic Member) will qualify our businesses/institutions as **Silver Members**

c. Implementation of 65% of the Applicable Measures on the applicable Checklist (inclusive of the measures required to qualify as a Basic Member) will qualify our businesses/institutions as **Gold Members**

d. Implementation of 85% of the Applicable Measures on the applicable Checklist (inclusive of the measures required to qualify as a Basic Member) will qualify our businesses/institutions as **Platinum Members**

("Applicable Measures" are those measures that can be implemented by a member, even if costly. Thus, for example, measures relating to outdoor water usage are not "Applicable Measures" for a tenant leasing interior space only; however, they would be "Applicable Measures" for a building owner with landscaped grounds or a full building tenant whose responsibilities/authority extended to landscaping, notwithstanding that they may be costly to implement.)

7. Be active participants in the community of companies and institutions that have made the Commitment by:

a. Sharing questions, resources, ideas and best practices with other signatories of this Commitment via discussion groups within the internal (Members Only) section of the Green Business Commitment website.

b. Sharing success stories with the general public through the external (public) section of the Green Business Commitment website.

We acknowledge that sharing data on the carbon footprint of our respective businesses and institutions with other signatories of this Commitment and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (in its capacity as administrator of the Green Business Commitment program), while not required as a condition of Membership, is strongly encouraged.

We acknowledge that unless this Commitment is annually renewed by a Member via submission of an updated Self-Certification Report, that Member will no longer qualify as a Member of the Greater Philadelphia Green Business Commitment program and will not be recognized as such by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (in its capacity as administrator of the Green Business Commitment program) on the program website or in program materials.

In recognition of the need to build support for this effort across the Greater Philadelphia area, we will encourage other companies and institutions to join this effort and become signatories to this Commitment.

The Signatories of the Greater Philadelphia Green Business Commitment

Name of Business/Institution

Name/Title of Person Signing

Signature