



GreenCircle™ Award Program

Application Form

Applicant:

Mailing Address:

City/Town:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

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Contact Person:

Title:

Phone:

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Applicant Sector (check one)

- Business/Industry Government/Institutional School Individual/Group

Qualifying Projects:

- Execute changes that reduce annual energy or water consumption rates by more than 15%
- Design and develop building projects that fulfill Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification requirements
- Implement clean energy generation projects utilizing fuel cells, solar, geothermal or wind power
- Capture and reuse methane from landfills
- Purchase "green-e" certified renewable power that equals or exceeds 20% of energy load of a business, government, or institutional facility; agreement to purchase power must include a minimum contract commitment term of 2 years
- Implement a project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with Connecticut's Climate Change initiatives in one of the following sectors: transportation; agriculture, forestry or waste; electricity generation; education and outreach
- Complete a greenhouse gas inventory for your municipality, business or educational institution
- Complete an Energy Star benchmarking of a building and/or qualify for the Energy Star program
- Incorporate Smart Growth principles into municipal regulations, ordinances and plans
- Voluntarily convert or retrofit existing diesel-powered fleet or off-road construction vehicles to significantly reduce air emissions (e.g., retrofit with diesel oxidation catalysts, install diesel particulate filters, convert to ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, etc.)
- Promote or sponsor a company-wide or facility-wide employee commute program
- Convert or purchase fleet vehicles that run on natural gas, electricity, hybrid gas/electricity, or other alternative fuels or vehicles having a mileage rating of greater than 40 miles per gallon and an emission standard level of ultra low or cleaner
- Install a 100% recycled process or cooling water system
- Certify to ISO 14001
- Earn Connecticut Green Lodging certification
- Implement improved environmental management techniques and procedures that go significantly beyond the minimum requirements for certification as a Clean Marina
- Reduce or eliminate the use of elemental mercury or products containing elemental mercury
- Document and implement a facility-wide pollution prevention plan
- Implement manufacturing processes that eliminate or significantly reduce the quantity or toxicity of a facility's waste stream
- Implement a facility-wide integrated pest management program
- Voluntarily install a denitrification or UV disinfection program for water treatment
- Successfully implement an innovative and unique pollution prevention plan or recycling program that generates an environmental benefit
- Execute an innovative purchasing program that promotes the procurement of recycled and environmentally preferable products
- Implement recycling specifications for construction and demolition waste in state or municipally funded building projects
- Consistently use more than 40% recycled fiber in newspaper and other newsprint publications

- Separate organic materials at schools or cafeterias for composting or animal feed
- Create or purchase and retire air emission reduction credits beyond minimum compliance requirements
- Improve public access to shore, waterfront, private lands, or streams through voluntary projects
- Open large tracts of private property for public recreation
- Adopt a vacant lot, park, community garden, stretch of highway or beach for a year
- Organize a river watch program
- Sponsor a river, beach or neighborhood clean-up day
- Promote conservation and preservation of critical plant or animal habitats
- Implement habitat enhancements for fish or wildlife on public or private property
- Voluntarily contribute significant time or resources to environmental programs
- Donate significant time or resources to assist with environmental projects

Brief Project Description:

- Check here if additional sheets are necessary to expand on the project description.

I/we certify that the information provided is true and accurate, I am/we are not currently the subject of any enforcement action for violation of environmental laws in the State of Connecticut, and the project goes beyond compliance with minimum regulatory requirements. I/we agree to share our project with others through a written case study if requested by the Department.

Signature of Applicant

Date

How to Apply

Fill out the applicant information section, check off the appropriate project activity type(s), provide a brief explanation of your project(s), sign and date the certification. Submit the application to the agency by e-mail or regular mail to:



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Office of Planning and Program Development
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 79 Elm Street, 3rd Floor
 Hartford, CT 06106-5127
 E-mail: robert.hannon@ct.gov

Applications for the GreenCircle Award program will be accepted for project activities completed within the 18 months before the date you apply. For school projects to be recognized before the summer break, the application deadline is May 1st of that school year. All other applications must be received by December 31st of the year in which the project was completed. Applicants may apply for more than one of the listed projects. Previous winners are encouraged to apply again for on-going efforts or new projects.