



**CALHOUN COUNTY AREA CHAMBER & VISITORS CENTER  
GREEN BUSINESS APPLICATION**

**General Information**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Person completing the application: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Own building or lease office space? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce since: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFO only...Currently certified in other recognized environmental programs?**  
*(i.e. ISO 14001, EPA Performance Track, LEED, etc.)*

Pleased state: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Category:**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office or retail operation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier of green products/services   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape design or maintenance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider of green services (describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto service                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Engineering services |  |

***“As a member of the Chamber’s Green Business initiative and leader of my organization, I pledge to continually strive toward environmentally safe and sustainable business practices and operations to ensure that the Calhoun County is environmentally healthy and viable.”***

Signature of organization’s leader:

Title:

Date:

- Please choose:**
- The information on this application should be kept confidential at all times
  - The Chamber can release any information herein as they see fit (website, news release, etc)
  - Please Contact me before releasing any information herein

The following operations/practices are opportunities; please also describe other initiatives not necessarily included. If you have instituted green office policies in your business, please include the policies as attachments to this application. Each application will be confidentially reviewed and specific answers to the questions below will not be released to the public or other member unless authorized by the applicant.

**\*\*Any box checked requires a description of applicable operations and/or practices\*\*.**

## Waste Prevention

Business operations policy is in place to use electronic distribution whenever possible to avoid unnecessary document printing. i.e. electronic invoicing and payment, direct deposit employee pay.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Business operations policy to reduce paper document by setting copier and printer defaults to 2 sided.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make training manuals and personnel information available electronically.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reduce the amount of bulk mail and duplicate mailings sent and received: i.e. regularly update/purge your mailing lists and request that business be removed from unnecessary or unneeded mailing lists.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Marketing policy in place to minimize or eliminate the use of envelopes.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Donate unwanted or excess products, electronics, or materials to charities or nonprofits, or exchange materials through a commercial materials exchange program.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Operations policy to **re-use** packaging and shipping materials.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have a program in place and documented to measurably reduce toxic chemical use in company processes.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Operations policy to control litter on the grounds of your property.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(For retailers ONLY) Offer reusable shopping bags and/or discounts for those who use them.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For food services ONLY) If you are a hotel or restaurant, or have an in-house cafeteria, use at least 80% reusable rather than disposable products (dishes, towels, boxes, bags, containers).

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Points:** (For ALL DRIVE THRU services ONLY) Provide drive thru waste cans at point of order AND at exit of the drive thru.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER POINTS AVAILABLE ....Other practices (describe)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Waste Prevention Point total:  / \_\_\_\_ possible

## Recycling

Recycle packaging (pallets, skids) and shipping materials (boxes, wood shims, air bag/foam protection).

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle aluminum cans.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle plastic and plastic bottles.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle glass.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle scrap metal,

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle paper (newspaper, white paper, computer reports etc.)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle corrugated (cardboard sheets and boxes)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycle toner and inkjet cartridges/Recycling of unusable electronics

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER POINTS AVAILABLE ....Other practices (describe)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recycling Point total:  / \_\_\_\_ possible

## Purchasing

Buy office paper with at least 30% recycled content or participates in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase and use safe, environmentally-friendly, non-toxic, organic products for janitorial chemicals.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase and use safe, environmentally-friendly, non-toxic, organic products for pest control.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase recycled/re-manufactured toner cartridges.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For food services ONLY) Purchase and use biodegradable or compostable “to go” food containers

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase from “green” suppliers or service providers (Green Business Seal)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For food services ONLY) If a dining establishment, use mostly organic farm products, or farm products raised within 100 miles of your establishment in food preparation

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER POINTS AVAILABLE ....Other practices (describe)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Purchasing Point total:  / \_\_\_\_ possible

## Energy Conservation

Track electricity usage and educate staff on the need for energy efficiency.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Replace incandescent bulbs with energy efficient lighting.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reduce 'over lighting': reduction of unnecessary indoor and outdoor lighting

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use motion sensors, timers or other lighting controls

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institute an office policy to require chargers to be unplugged when not in use.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institute an office policy to turn off all computer monitors when not in use.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use "Energy Star" appliances and electronics

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Update insulation or windows (includes tinting)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use programmable thermostat.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Get an annual HVAC tune-up or refrigeration tune-up

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use renewable energy and/or purchase renewable power (e.g. solar)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Track transportation fuel usage and educate staff on the need for energy efficiency.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Track natural gas usage and educate staff on the need for energy efficiency.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attainment of recognized energy efficiency certification (e.g. LEED, Green Globes)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enroll in energy efficiency programs through local energy companies (e.g Questline, EnergyDirect)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have an independent energy audit performed

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

OTHER POINTS AVAILABLE ....Other practices (describe)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Energy Conservation Point total:  / \_\_\_\_ possible

## Water Conservation/Water Quality

Use aerators and/or auto shut-off on faucets facility-wide

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Install commercial ultra low-flow, or waterless toilets and urinals.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(For food services ONLY) Install pre-rinse spray nozzle in kitchen.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Regularly check for and repair leaks facility-wide.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Install low-water requirement, South Eastern-friendly native plants in all new landscaping. Annually apply mulch to retain moisture in soil and to control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Clean outdoor areas with a broom or blower instead of a hose.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use captured wastewater for irrigation, etc. (gray water)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Perform a water assessment from a professional and implement recommendations

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(one point for each item):

- Check irrigation system operating pressure against actual water pressure
- Check for and repair irrigation system leaks on a regular basis
- Check and adjust sprinklers on a regular basis so water lands on the landscape area, not hardscape areas
- Install auto timers and set to water during early morning hours
- Install a rain switch or rain sensor to prevent watering on rainy days

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use of no-phosphorous/low phosphorous fertilizer for lawns

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

OTHER POINTS AVAILABLE ....Other practices (describe)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Water Conservation/Water Quality Point total:  / \_\_\_ possible

## Transportation

Institute a non-idling policy at your facility and during deliveries.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Install preferred parking spaces or provide covered parking for motorcycles, scooters and bikes.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allow preferred parking for employees who carpool daily. (Carpool may include "relative area" within one mile to allow employees of many companies to carpool.)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Implement a parking space buy-out for employees who utilize public transportation for every day work commutes.

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Schedule regular tune-ups for business vehicles; regularly check tire pressure; check for fluid leakage

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use hybrid vehicles, compressed natural gas, or other or alternative fuel in organization's fleet

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

OTHER POINTS AVAILABLE ....Other practices (describe)

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Quality Point total:  / \_\_\_ possible

**If you are leasing office space from a building management company, how are you working with the company to incorporate greener building operations?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please list other Green initiatives for consideration not listed as "Bonus Points" above:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Office Use Only**

Approved

Not Approved

Point Totals:

Date Received:

Comments from Review Task Force: \_\_\_\_\_

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