

## Sustainable Business Program, Sacramento County

### Transportation/Air Quality

Below are some examples of items that would certify you under the category of Solid Waste Reduction. The business can choose to certify in one or more of the categories listed.

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Facility (5 checkmarks required):

- Calculate your baseline **carbon footprint** and establish a goal for specific reductions.
- Plant **shade trees** in parking lots.
- Encourage employee bicycle commuting- offer secure bicycle storage.
- Provide bicycle racks.
- Provide on-site amenities for employees (i.e. ATM, cafeteria, gym).
- Replace vehicle fleet with low-emission models (electric, hybrid, natural gas, alternative fuels)
- Provide carpool parking spaces.
- Provide fleet of bicycles for employee use.
- Provide 'park and ride' parking spaces.
- Install a low maintenance landscape or xeriscape.
- Install light colored pavement or roof.
- Transit: Provide local transit general information if applicable.
- Transit: Provide local shuttle/bus general information if applicable.
- Offer onsite showers, lockers/or arrangements with local facilities to encourage foot commuting.
- Provide tire pressure gauge and air compressor for employee use.
- Upgrade natural gas boiler or heater with a Ultra-low-NOx Burner
- Power business with green energy produced by wind or sun.
- Replace fleet of vehicles with a vehicle sharing membership.
- Provide vanpooling options for employees.
- Replace gas fueled fleet with electric vehicle fleet.
- Install electric vehicle charging stations for use.
- Provide alternative transportation or other to offset company CO2 emissions through verified alternatives.
- Replace gas forklifts with electric forklifts.
- Replace gas water heater with electric heat pump water heater.
- Replace commercial gas fired cooking equipment with electric options.
- Replace gas-fired clothes dryer with electric heat pump clothes dryer.
- Replace gas-fired swimming pool heater with electric heat pump or solar heater.
- Replace controlled intersections/stop signs with traffic circles.

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Practices (5 checkmarks required):

- Utilize videoconferencing or alternative methods to reduce employee travel.
- Offer telecommuting opportunities to reduce commuting.
- Participate or join a transportation management association (TMA). TMA's are a non-profit membership organization helping commuters find commuting alternatives.
- Promote bicycle related programs and events (May is bike month, Smart Cycling clinics, Bucks for Bikes)
- Review Air Quality **incentives and grants** for business related upgrades.
- Link trips together for routine errands into a single outing. Patronize businesses close by when possible.
- Use low or no VOC cleaning and maintenance products (paints, solvents and strippers).
- Use recycled products for promotional materials and ink printing (I.E. soy based ink).
- Replace aerosols with non-aerosol alternatives.
- Offer employee incentives for carpooling, vanpooling or using mass transit.
- Use nontoxic, low or no VOC office supplies and paints.
- Provide a qualified **Transportation Fringe Benefit Program** for transit riders, vanpool riders, and bicyclists.
- Provide local ride-sharing information to employees (i.e Sac Region Commuter Clubs, 511).
- Patron environmentally certified hotel.
- Subscribe to **"Spare the Air"** email service.
- Proactively minimize motor vehicle use on "Spare the Air" days.
- Proactively minimize electricity use on "Spare the Air" days.
- Proactively minimize use of equipment on "Spare the Air" days.
- Proactively minimize vehicle idling. Provide employee education or policy.
- Utilize locally produced agricultural products when feasible.
- Adopt a policy to use electronic landscaping equipment.
- Join **USEPA Smartway SM Transportation Partnership**
- Designate an Employee Transportation Coordinator to manage alternative commute programs.