



Sustain Evanston 2019

Restaurant Checklist

In order to gain recognition, you must complete the required actions* and 8 additional actions for a total of 10 completed actions. For information about the required documentation for each action, please visit www.sustainevanston.com/restaurant.

Required

- 1. *Provide clear sorting for recycling and achieve a 50% recycling diversion rate.
- 2. *Implement a composting program.

Energy

- 3. Get a free, on-site facility assessment for your business from ComEd, Nicor Gas, or a third party and implement at least one recommended action.
- 4. Purchase renewable energy certificates or carbon offsets from your utility.
- 5. Replace 50% lighting with LED light bulbs.
- 6. Install lighting controls, such as occupancy sensors in spaces of variable occupancy, daylighting controls, or time clocks.
- 7. Make a policy requiring the purchase of ENERGY STAR, EPEAT, and WaterSense qualified equipment and appliances.

Water

- 8. Replace all pre-rinse spray valves with low flow ones.
- 9. Install low flow faucet aerators on all restroom sinks.
- 10. Utilize green infrastructure to decrease total volume of stormwater runoff.
- 11. Switch all-purpose cleaning products to low toxic cleaning products.

Resources

- 12. Identify one disposable item to be eliminated, switched to a reusable option, or provided only upon request.
- 13. Eliminate the use of Styrofoam and plastic bags, minimize the amount of packaging, and only provide utensils, napkins, and condiments upon request for to-go orders.
- 14. Provide at least one dish on the menu with a fair trade, organic, or local ingredient.
- 15. Purchase 3 paper products with at least 30% post-consumer recycled material (e.g. printing paper, paper towels, bags, napkins, etc.).
- 16. Reuse or work with vendors to minimize and/or take back product packaging where possible.

Community

- 17. Conduct a survey of employee commute and identify if it would be beneficial to install a bike rack or enroll in the RTA Transit Benefit Fare Program.
- 18. Implement 3 strategies that show you are an Age-Friendly Business.
- 19. Give unserved food to employees or donate it to food kitchens and other community programs.
- 20. Implement a hiring policy that prioritizes Evanston residents and have 30% of your business's payroll include Evanston residents.