



SustainableBreck Business Self-Assessment

As part of the SustainableBreck Plan, the Town of Breckenridge is working with High Country Conservation Center to help Breckenridge businesses improve their bottom line and our community’s carbon footprint. Help us tell the ‘Green’ story of our community by providing the information included in this self-assessment. It’s important for the story to have a baseline of where we started in 2012, and to then measure how our community progresses year after year.

To complete the self-assessment, check the boxes next to the actions that your business is currently taking below. A Green Coach will review your self-assessment, conduct an on-site visit, and determine a point score for your business.

If you want to achieve full SustainableBreck Business certification, the Town and High Country Conservation Center will help you. Just write ‘YES’ at the end of the self-assessment to be considered for the full certification SustainableBreck Business Program (a limited number of certifications are currently available). Certified businesses will work with a green coach, receive free technical audits (some restrictions may apply), support, and recognition of sustainability efforts.

Business Name: _____ **Type of Business: Circle (Retail, Office, Restaurant, Hotel)**

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Green Champion (must be responsible staff member or owner at business): _____

Green Champion Email: _____

Phone: _____

Built Environment

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| Lighting (25% of energy use in typical commercial building) | |
| 1-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace less efficient lighting with more efficient lighting. <i>Points will be assigned based on the percentage of lighting that is energy efficient.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace incandescent or halogen lights with more efficient bulbs (CFL or LED). • Replace older (T12-type, magnetic ballast) fluorescents with more efficient fluorescents (T8 or T5, electronic ballast). |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Use occupancy sensors or timers where appropriate. |
| Heating, Cooling and Ventilation (36% of energy use in typical commercial building) | |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Install programmable thermostats to maximize heating and cooling efficiency. |
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn down water heater thermostats to 120 degrees F. |
| 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> When heating or cooling, do not prop doors open (if recommended in audit as energy priority). |
| 1-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Install/maintain appropriate insulation (in attic, walls). Points will be assigned as a percentage of completed insulation. Example: 20% of all wall cavities including attic = 1 point. |
| 1-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Install/maintain appropriate air sealing (caulk/sealing/weather stripping around windows and doors; sealing around connections to unconditioned space, especially high and low in building). Points will be assigned as a percentage of completed air sealing. |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Restore historic windows. |

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| Appliances (16% of energy use in typical commercial building) | |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Energy Star computers, monitors, printers, and other commercial appliances. |
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize phantom load with smart strips. |

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| Water Conservation | |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Use water conservation policies like installing low-flow fixtures on faucets/shower heads, replace old toilets with new low-flush toilets, or improve efficiency of existing toilets. |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication of water conservation message. |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Install an auto shut-off device for sprinkler system. |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Set sprinkler system so that it runs outside the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. |

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| Waste Reduction | |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle newspaper, magazines, office paper, cardboard and co-mingled containers (plastic, glass, aluminum). |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase unbleached, post-consumer recycled paper and other paper products. |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Use non-toxic and environmentally friendly cleaning supplies. |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Examine purchasing policies for environmental impact. Purchase reusable, recyclable or compostable products such as dishes, utensils and hand towels. |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize excess paper usage in operations: print double sided whenever possible, invoice electronically, etc. |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce the amount of mail you receive (when possible). (<i>Requesting no-mail service involves contacting individual vendors or joining a no-mail services</i>) |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle hard-to-recycle items: phone books, printer/toner cartridges, cell phones, hazardous waste, building materials and batteries. |
| 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost food and/or yard waste. |

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| Renewable Energy | |
| 1-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Install renewable energy system, or purchase share in local solar garden. 15 points reflects full offset of energy usage. 5 points is given for ANY offset by renewable energy, an additional 1-10 points given as a percentage of total offset. Example: 20% of total energy use offset = 7 points total; 5 minimum point allotment plus 2 for 20%. |

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| Transportation | |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Company uses vehicles that are hybrid/electric, get 40 mpg or above or runs on alternative fuel. |
| 1-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Green Commutes Program and/or provide incentives for alternate commuting, flexible work arrangements, alternative transportation, walking or biking. |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a vehicle purchase plan that includes improvements to fuel efficiency or delivery reduction plan which limits the number of deliveries made and received. |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> (Restaurants) Purchase and use local food. |

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| Audits | |
| 5 | Technical Energy Audit <input type="checkbox"/> An energy audit has been prepared by a qualified professional. The audit examines heating and lighting use in the existing business and makes recommendations on improvements that reduce energy consumption. |
| 5 | Sustainability Audit <input type="checkbox"/> A sustainability audit has been prepared by a qualified professional. The audit examines waste reduction, water conservation, transportation, and other business practices and makes recommendations on sustainable measures that can be implemented to enhance conservation efforts while improving the business bottom line. |

Self assessment review on-site by Green Coach on (DATE): _____ Green Coach Scored Total: _____

Would you like to apply for the full SustainableBreck Certification? (Yes/No)
Go to SustainableBreck Business website for additional information at xxxxxxxxxxxx