



Sustainable Distilleries Application

About the NC GreenTravel Initiative

This program has been created to recognize those businesses in the travel industry in North Carolina that have established and adhere to a set of guidelines that protect the environment. The initiative has been developed through a partnership of the North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service, East Carolina University, Visit NC, and the Waste Reduction Partners program.

Applying for NC GreenTravel Recognition

To have your distillery recognized as a sustainable destination, first save this document on your computer so you can fill it in at your leisure. You may type directly into the saved document and click on the checkboxes to complete it. Please **save your completed application** and email it to ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov. **If you have questions, you may call us at (877) 623-6748 for assistance.**

Distillery Name _____

Phone Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person _____

Email _____

Website URL _____

Date Submitted _____

Overview of Accomplishments

Tell us why you feel your distillery should be recognized by the NC GreenTravel Initiative

Core Requirements for NC GreenTravel Recognition

- I certify that this distillery is in compliance with ALL applicable regulatory laws and requirements that relate to our business type. Yes No. If not, please explain on a separate sheet
- Has your business had any violations of applicable laws and regulations in the past 2 years?
 Yes No. If so, please explain on a separate sheet.
- Do you operate under any permits issued by the Department of Environmental Quality?
 Yes No. If yes, please include titles and permit numbers on a separate sheet.

Policy Statement Required: Enter or attach a copy of your distillery's environmental policy statement. If your business does not have an environmental policy, please read our Environmental Policy Tutorial on the last page of this form and create one according to our guidelines.

How do you advise staff of your environmental policy? Required: List where your environmental policy is displayed

Environmental Team Required: Describe your environmental team. List names, job titles and meeting schedule

Raising Your Recognition Score

If your distillery has previously been recognized by the NC GreenTravel Initiative and you would like to increase your recognition level based on additional sustainable practices you have included in your program, please indicate by checking this box.

Waste reduction and recycling

Our distillery engages in the following activities to reduce solid waste.

Source Reduction Methods Implemented.

- 1 pt Fax and copy machines don't create cover sheets.
- 1 pt Two-sided copying and printing is standard operating procedure.
- 2 pt Electronic documents are used instead of printing.
- 1 pt Clean, once-used paper is reused for memos and drafts.
- 5 pt A solid waste assessment has been performed.
- 5 pt 50% of solid waste assessor recommendations have been implemented.
- 15 pt We have a Zero Waste To Landfill Program in effect.

List of materials recycled, donated or refurbished for reuse.

- 5 pt We compost spent grain, yeast and other spent commodities.
- 5 pt We sell or donate spent grain for animal consumption.
- 2 pt Paper (Includes newspaper, office paper, cardboard, magazines, etc.)
- 5 pt All food and beverage containers. (steel, aluminum, plastic, glass, etc.)
- 1 pt Toner, ink and other printer cartridges.
- 2 pt Pallets.
- 2 pt Plastic packaging. (film, stretch wrap, shrink wrap, plastic bags, etc.)
- 5 pt Goods, equipment and materials no longer needed are donated to organizations that can reuse them. (Habitat for Humanity, Good Will, Salvation Army, etc.)

Please list other materials recycled donated or refurbished.

List locations of recycling containers available to staff and guests.

- 2 pt Staff work areas—please describe. (in offices, in kitchens, in dock areas, etc.)

- 3 pt In public or customer areas—please describe. (in common areas or meeting spaces, in tasting room, in dining areas, etc.)

- 3 pt Signs are posted directing users toward recycling areas.
- 2 pt More than half of the recycling containers onsite are clearly marked and located adjacent to waste containers.
- 4 pt *All* recycling containers are located adjacent to waste containers.
- 1 pt Our distillery has reduced the number of trash containers onsite.
- 1 pt Our distillery has repurposed some of our trash containers as recycling containers.

Energy Management

- 5 pt An Energy Assessment has been performed.
- 5 pt 50% of assessor recommendations have been implemented.
- 5 pt Our distillery has switched to energy-efficient lighting. (describe replacement program in place)
-
- 2 pt Our distillery implemented de-lamping/de-commissioning of lights based on light level measurements and aesthetic needs.
- 2 pt Occupancy sensors for lighting have been installed.
- 2 pt Employees are reminded to turn off all lights when no one is in the room.
- 2 pt LED or electroluminescent exit signs have been installed.
- 3 pt Daylight sensors have been installed or facility is using day-lighting.
- 2 pt Automatic, low-energy hand dryers or recycled-content paper towels have been installed in public restrooms.
- 10 pt Solar panels, wind generators, hydrogen fuel cells, biogas and/or other renewable energy sources have been installed to generate electricity.
- 5 pt Our distillery is selling excess green power to power company.
- ___ pt We purchase Carbon Offset Blocks or Renewable Energy Certificates. (specify how many blocks or R.E.C.s your facility purchases monthly for 2 points per block or R.E.C.) _____ Blocks _____ R.E.C.s
- 5 pt Energy Star labeled HVAC has been installed.
- 7 pt Innovative, high efficiency HVAC has been installed. (ground source heat pump, solar, etc.)
- 2 pt Programmable HVAC controls have been installed.
- 7 pt Solar panels have been installed for water heating.
- 1 pt Insulation jacket has been installed on water heaters.
- 4 pt Heat pump water heater has been installed.
- 3 pt Our facility is using on-demand water heating.
- 1 pt Water temperature is set back to 120 degrees for non-food related use.
- 5 pt Our distillery recovers heat from various processes and use it to pre-heat for our hot water needs.
- 2 pt Window film and treatments have been installed to reduce solar gain.
- 5 pt Energy Star labeled windows, doors and skylights have been installed.
(please specify) _____
- 2 pt Green insulation has been properly installed. (green foam, hemp, cellulose, etc.)
(please specify) _____
- 2 pt 50% or more of our appliances are Energy Star labeled.
- 2 pt Energy Star Labeled computers, monitors, printers, copiers and other business equipment are being used.
- 3 pt We have a motor management/replacement plan to use high-efficiency motors and/or we are maintaining a motor inventory.
- 2 pt Tightly sealed weather stripping has been installed on all doors and windows.

- 3 pt We use Variable Frequency Drives on our pumps and motors.
- 2 pt Vending machines have been de-lamped or are equipped with energy-saving technology.

Water Efficiency

- 5 pt A water efficiency assessment has been performed.
- 5 pt 50% of assessor's recommendations have been implemented.
- 1 pt All plumbing is regularly checked for leaks and all leaks are repaired asap.
- 3 pt Common area restrooms have automatic water shut-off faucets.
- 4 pt 1.28 gallon-per-flush High Efficiency Toilets (HET) or dual flush toilets are installed.
- 1 pt 1.5 gallon-per-minute faucet aerators are installed.
- 4 pt Restrooms have ultra low-flow flush (0.125 gpf) or waterless urinals.
- 5 pt Our employees take part in or organize river/stream cleanup projects.
- 5 pt Rainwater is harvested and used for non-potable applications.
- 5 pt Our distillery partners with water conservation groups to help promote water conservation and stewardship.
(specify partnerships)

Air Quality

- 2 pt Low VOC paints are used.
- 2 pt Smoking is not permitted in buildings.

Transportation

- 1 pt Employees are offered incentives to carpool, walk, bike to work or use public transit.
- 2 pt Bike racks are provided for guests and employees.
- 3 pt Special parking is provided for guests with hybrid, electric and alternative fuel vehicles.
- 5 pt Electric vehicle charging station(s) are provided for guests and employees.
- 5 pt Alternative fuel fleet vehicles are used, including bio-fuel, hybrid, electric vehicles, pedal-powered, natural gas or propane.
- 2 pt A no idling policy/signage is in place for fleet vehicles, guest vehicles, delivery trucks and tour busses.

Environmental Measurements

- 1 pt Solid waste disposal-to-landfill is tracked by weight or volume monthly on a spreadsheet.
- 1 pt Recycling totals are estimated by weight or volume and recorded periodically on a spreadsheet.
- 1 pt Energy usage is tracked monthly on a spreadsheet.
- 1 pt Water consumption is tracked monthly on a spreadsheet.
- 1 pt Environmental measurements are published to management and staff.
- 2 pt Environmental measurements are published in public media.

Grounds Keeping

- 2 pt Our distillery practices planting native plants that require little maintenance. (Describe)

- 2 pt Our distillery practices planting drought tolerant plants to reduce the need to water. (Describe)

- 2 pt An irrigation conservation plan is in place. (e.g., soaker hoses, timed irrigation, etc. Describe)

- 2 pt Mulch and/or compost are used for retaining water.
- 2 pt Our distillery minimizes the use of synthetic pesticides and herbicides in landscaping.
- 2 pt Our distillery uses mulch or compost *generated onsite* as a soil amendment to improve soils and plant growth or ground cover for retaining water.
- 5 pt Our distillery has a vegetation planting program for strategic environmental enhancement,
- 5 pt Walkways and outside parking areas at our distillery are pervious,

Education and Promotion

- 2 pt Our staff is required to recycle and has received recycling training
- 2 pt Our customers are encouraged to conserve resources through the use of flyers, signs, decals, magnetic signs, verbal reminders and other communications.
- 1 pt Our community is made aware of our environmental program through our advertisements and/or public media releases.
- 3 pt A portion of our profits are donated to environmental preservation or humanitarian causes.

Housekeeping and Clean-up.

- 2 pt Our distillery housekeeping and clean-up procedures include recycling practices.
- 1 pt We purchase cleaning products in bulk containers or concentrated to reduce waste.
- 2 pt Cleaning products and methods are assessed and selected for their environmentally friendly impact.
- 1 pt Cleaning products used throughout the distillery are natural cleaners and/or meet or exceed sustainable product standards. (Describe)

- 2 pt Employees are given training in the use of green cleaners.
- 1 pt A cleaning products waste reduction plan has been implemented.
- 1 pt Vendors give feedback on environmental impact from using their environmentally sustainable products. Results are made available to staff and public.

Green Purchasing.

- 3 pt Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) Program has been established and is communicated to staff.
- 2 pt Our employees are required to comply with EPP policy.
- 1 pt Vendors of environmentally sustainable products are given preference.
- 2 pt Durability and lifespan of the products is given priority over cost when purchasing.
- 2 pt Recycled content paper products are purchased.
- 2 pt The number of items such as printers, staplers, paper cutters and other multi-user equipment is minimized.
- 3 pt Vendors are asked to deliver supplies with returnable packaging or to take back packaging for recycling or reuse.
- 3 pt Environmentally preferable furnishings and equipment are used. (Reused, repurposed, remanufactured or made from sustainable materials. (Describe)

- 5 pt Organic Grains and other ingredients are sourced from local, sustainable farms.
- 5 pt No GMO products are used.
- 3 pt Light-weighted glass bottles are used for packaging product.
- 3 pt Labels are made from 100% post-consumer paper.
- 3 pt Soy-based inks are used for labels.
- 3 pt 35% post-consumer waste cardboard is used for packaging.
- 5 pt We have eliminated single-use plastic cutlery, straws, and stirrers in our tasting room and/or dining areas.

Other Sustainable Purchasing Practices.

LEED Certification.

LEED is the acronym for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED Certification can save energy and reduces operating costs. Visit www.usgbc.org/LEED to learn more about LEED Certification.

- 10 pt Our distillery has attained LEED Certification.
- 5 pt Our distillery has applied for LEED Certification.
- 10 pt All new building projects are planned and executed using LEED standards.
- 5 pt Our distillery has a fully functional Environmental Management System (ISO 14001)
(Describe)

Certification by Organizations & Agencies.

- 15 pt Our distillery has received recognition or certification as a green or sustainable business, or as a certified carbon-neutral producer by another recognized certifying organization or agency? (Please identify organization or agency)

Additional Practices

Please describe additional sustainable practices your distillery has implemented (you may submit additional pages.)

Tallying your score

List the total number of points for each section and total your score in the box at the end of the section. Our review team may add additional points for other sustainability practices.

SECTION	SCORE
Waste Reduction & Recycling	
Energy Management	
Water Efficiency	
Air Quality	
Transportation	
Environmental Measurements	
Grounds Keeping	
Education and Promotion	
Housekeeping and Clean-up	
Green Purchasing	
LEED Certification	
Certification By Other Agencies	
Additional Points Awarded by Reviewer	
TOTAL	

Determining your recognition level

Your recognition level—One dogwood Blossom, Two Dogwood Blossoms or Three Dogwood Blossoms—will be determined by the point system found below. Additional points may be acquired by facilities that implement other sustainable practices that are not a part of those prescribed in this application.

One Dogwood Blossom	Two Dogwood Blossoms	Three Dogwood Blossoms
50	100	120

Four Simple Rules for Creating an Environmental Policy

There are four basic rules for writing and displaying an environmental policy for your business. The policy should include:

- A commitment to protecting the environment. This may be a simple statement that your business promises to do all it can to keep the environment healthy or it may specifically mention environmental stewardship methods. For instance, it could simply state, “(Name of Business) is committed to protecting our environment by conducting business in such a way as to conserve energy, water and natural resources.” OR, it may state, “(Name of Business) practices environmental stewardship by reducing waste, recycling, installing energy efficient lighting, and by installing low-flow water fixtures.”
- A commitment to observing all laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment.
- A commitment to continually improve your environmental stewardship program.
- The completed policy should be signed and dated by the owner or manager of the business and should be displayed where employees and customers can easily see it.

Here is an example that may give you some ideas for your own policy:

Green Mountain Distillery Environmental Policy

Green Mountain Distillery seeks to be a better steward of the earth by creating a healthy environment for its guests, employees and community. We promise to do this by observing sustainable business principles and by implementing an energy reduction program, water conservation program, by helping to protect air quality and by reducing the amount of solid waste generated. Our facility is also committed to setting a good corporate example of environmental stewardship.

Green Mountain Distillery is committed to observing all Federal, state and local laws and ordinances aimed at protecting the environment.

Green Mountain Distillery will continually seek to reduce its environmental footprint by looking for new and better ways to reduce its reliance on natural resources.

If you need further assistance in writing your environmental policy, call us at **(877) 623-6748** or email, ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov.



The NC GreenTravel Initiative is a partnership of the NC Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service, East Carolina University, Visit NC and Waste Reduction Partners.

