



# Food Truck 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 North Carolina and the Waste Reduction Partners program.

## *Applying for NC GreenTravel Recognition*

To have your business recognized as a sustainable food truck, 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](mailto:ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov). If you have questions, you may call us at (877) 623-6748 for assistance.

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website URL \_\_\_\_\_

## *Overview of Accomplishments*

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

## ***Core Requirements for NC GreenTravel Recognition***

- I certify that this food truck 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 food truck’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 your own, using this format.**

**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 food truck 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.***

- 5 pt A solid waste assessment has been performed.
- 5 pt. 50% of solid waste assessor recommendations have been implemented.
- 5 pt Goods, equipment and materials that are no longer needed are donated to reuse/resale organizations.
- 3 pt We recycle at our place of business. Please list all materials recycled score one additional point each.
- \_\_\_ pt            Paper            Food and beverage containers            Food Scraps            Fryer grease  
                  Plastic bags and wrap            Other (please specify)
- 3 pt We donate excess food from our business to food banks or homeless shelters.
- 5 pt We do not use any Styrofoam takeout containers, cups, plates, etc.
- 5 pt We provide 100% compostable service ware items whenever possible. When not possible, then the item must be recyclable or reusable.
- 7 pt We collect materials on-site to be composted or recycled, or we use a commercial compost/recycling service.
- 5 pt We provide a clearly marked compost bin AND a recycling bin adjacent to the trash container.
- 3 pt We ask the customer BEFORE providing condiments, napkins, lids and straws.
- 3 pt We have eliminated plastic straws, provide reusable straws for sale or provide only paper straws.
- 3 pt We sell beverages in recyclable glass bottles, cans and/or certified compostable cups, recyclable P.E.T. cups or reusable cups.
- 3 pt Vendors deliver goods in returnable packaging. Packaging is returned to vendor.
- 5 pt We encourage our customers to bring their own reusable cutlery/coffee mugs/beverage containers.
- 3 pt Only bulk condiments are used. Foil and plastic condiment packets have been eliminated.
- 3 pt We source at least one food ingredient from North Carolina.
- 5 pt We make sure vending space is picked-up and left clean.
- 3 pt We use an app such as Food Cowboy to reduce food waste.
- 3 pt We do not provide plastic grocery-style shopping bags with our products.

## ***Energy Conservation.***

- 2 pt We turn off the generator and plug in whenever power is available.
- 3 pt We use an energy-efficient generator.
- 5 pt Our generator is fueled by biodiesel.
- 10 pt We utilize solar panels and/or wind generators to supplement power on our food truck.
- 5 pt. Our vehicle uses hybrid or Plug-In Electric power drive.

## ***Education and Promotion.***

- 4 pt Our staff is required to recycle and has received recycling and composting training.
- 3 pt Our visitors are encouraged to conserve resources through the use of flyers, signage, verbal reminders and other communications.
- 3 pt Our community is made aware of our environmental program through advertisements and media releases.

## ***Sustainable Purchasing.***

- 3 pt Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) program is established and communicated to staff.
- 2 pt Our employees are required to comply with EPP policy.
- 2 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.
- 3 pt Vendors are asked to deliver supplies with returnable packaging or take back packaging.
- 3 pt Environmentally preferable, refurbished or reused equipment is used.
- 2 pt We purchase sustainably produced protein products such as meat, dairy and eggs
- 2 pt We participate in NC 10% Campaign. <http://www.ncsu.edu/project/nc10percent/index.php>

## ***Vehicle Maintenance Practices***

- 5 pt Our vehicle is tuned-up and the engine is kept in good, environmentally-sound running condition.
- 5 pt The tires on our vehicle are kept inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure for good fuel Mileage.

## ***Other Certifications Received***

- 15 pt Our business has been recognized or certified by other organizations for our sustainability practices.

Specify the name of the certifying organization \_\_\_\_\_

If certified by Don't Waste Durham, give date of certification \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your scores from the checklist for each section. Add the scores and compare the total to the chart below to determine your recognition level. Additional points may be acquired by facilities that implement other sustainable practices that are not part of those prescribed in this application. **Save your completed application to your computer and email it to [tom.rhodes@ncdenr.gov](mailto:tom.rhodes@ncdenr.gov). For assistance, call (919) 707-8140.**

## *Instructions for determining your score*

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*Compare your overall score to those listed here to determine your recognition level*

| <b>One Dogwood Blossom</b> | <b>Two Dogwood Blossoms</b> | <b>Three Dogwood Blossoms</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>25</b>                  | <b>40</b>                   | <b>60</b>                     |

| <b>Section</b>                | <b>Score</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Waste Reduction and Recycling |              |
| Energy Conservation           |              |
| Education and Promotion       |              |
| Sustainable Purchasing        |              |
| Vehicle Maintenance Practices |              |
| Other Certifications          |              |
| <b>Total</b>                  |              |

*Additional Comments.*

# 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:

## Vince’s Vegan Van Environmental Policy

*Vince’s Vegan Van seeks to be a better steward of the earth by creating a healthy environment for its customers, employees and community. We promise to do this by preparing and serving food in a sustainable manner and observing sustainability principles 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 food truck business is also committed to setting a good corporate example of environmental stewardship.*

*Vince’s Vegan Van is committed to observing all Federal, state and local laws and ordinances aimed at protecting the environment.*

*Vince’s Vegan Van 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 Tom Rhodes at **(877) 623-6748** or email, [ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov](mailto:ncgreentravel@ncdenr.gov).



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