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7. Only apply pesticides or herbicides during dry weather and never before it rains.

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8. Buy recycled paint and low VOC products when available (paint, paint removal products, etc.).

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9. When using a commercial printer, ensure vegetable-based inks.

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10. Use unbleached and/or processed chlorine-free (PCF) paper products (copy paper, paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, etc.).

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11. Use remanufactured copier toner cartridges.

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> How many remanufactured toner cartridges do you purchase for use every year?

12. Use certified non-toxic laundry, cleaning and building maintenance products in non-aerosol containers such as Green Seal certified (<http://greenseal.org>), Environmental Working Group (<http://ewg.org/guides/cleaners>) with an 'A' or 'B' rating, US EPA Safer Choice (<http://epa.gov/saferchoice>), or UL EcoLogo (<http://tinyurl.com/ULEco>).

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> What is the area (square footage) of your facility where these cleaning products are used?



Solid Waste

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Leave mowed grass on lawn (grasscycling).

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12. Food Donation Program - e.g., allow gleaning, partner with Imperfect Produce, Full Harvest, or establish a post farmer market donation program.

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13. Eliminate the use of plastic straws. If straws are necessary, use fiber-based or compostable ones and provide upon request.

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14. If you grow multiple products, use sustainable produce packaging on a least one of the product items that will prevent single-use plastic pollution. Packages of saleable finger food: Have at least one product (strawberries, tomatoes, peas, and others) in cardboard rather than clamshell or plastic basket containers.

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15. Purchase or obtain previously used furniture, supplies, or materials. Check out sites such as freecycle.org or craigslist.org.

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16. Purchase bathroom and kitchen papers with a minimum of 30% post-consumer waste recycled content (e.g., toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toilet seat covers, napkins).

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17. Request that 3+ vendors/suppliers/online retailers provide their shipments in non-plastic packaging.

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18. When making outside food purchases (catering, meetings, lunches, events, etc.), purchase from a recognized Green Business or businesses participating in Zero Foodprint.

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19. Make a request to at least one of your suppliers to reduce waste by replacing non-recyclable content packaging with reusable/recyclable options.

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20. Obtain or donate previously used furniture, supplies or materials.

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CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Keep dumpsters and any other potential pollutants, such as paint cans, other chemicals drums, etc., covered and impermeable to rainwater. If no covers are available, provide overhead storage. Keep outdoor areas clean and report leaking dumpsters to your waste hauler.

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

2. Only rain down the storm drain. Ensure that no wastewater, debris or litter enters storm drains near your business. Never hose down or wash floor mats, bar service spill mats, equipment, or vehicles in an area where the wastewater may flow to a storm drain. If you have debris catch basins, clean them annually before the first rain and as needed afterward.

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3. Ditches are vegetated to prevent erosion of the ditch sides, increase infiltration, and remove excess nutrients and pesticides from runoff.

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4. Adjust irrigation so that no excess water runs off of the farm.

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5. Minimize bare soil and maintain highly erodible areas, such as the ends of row crop furrows, steep areas, or locations with unstable soils with a continuous vegetative cover or covered with straw, crop residues, mulch or geotextile fabric to prevent erosion.

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6. Riparian buffers are established.

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7. Minimize soil compaction by avoiding the use of heavy farm machinery on wet soils and planting deep-rooted crops or cover crops in high traffic areas.

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8. Prevent sediment runoff from highly erodible areas (eg. hillsides) from entering local waterways by establishing filter strips, treatment ponds, swales.

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9. Ensure rows are aligned parallel to hillslopes to capture water and runoff.

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10. Schedule excavation and grading projects for the dry weather season.

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CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Check for and repair all leaks, including in toilets (tablets to detect tank leaks can be obtained from your water utility).

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

2. Replace all urinals flushing at greater than 1.0 gallon with high-efficiency urinals, flushing at less than or equal to 0.125 gallons, or waterless urinals (if appropriate, check with your local building department for applicable permits). Your water utility may have a rebate program for high-efficiency urinals.

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- How many urinals flushing at less than 1.0 gallons does your facility have?

- How many waterless urinals does your facility have?

- Please estimate how many male employees and visitors are at your business on an average day?

3. Retrofit toilets flushing at higher than 1.6 gallons with high efficiency toilets (1.28 gallons or less per flush). Your water utility may have a rebate program for high efficiency toilets.

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- How many visitors and customers use your facility on an average day?

- How many employees use your facility on an average day?

- Is the flush volume of the new toilet(s): 1.6, 1.28, 1.0, or 0.8?

4. Replace all existing faucet aerators and showerheads with low flow fixtures. Bathroom aerators should not exceed 0.5 GPM; kitchen sinks should not exceed 1.5 GPM; showerheads with flow rates higher than 1.8 GPM should be replaced with high-efficiency showerheads with rates of 1.5 GPM or less.

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- > How many 1.5 GPM showerheads have you installed?
- > How many 0.5 GPM lavatory sink aerators have you installed?
- > How many 1.5 GPM kitchen sink aerators have you installed?

5. Install rotating nozzles on all sprinkler spraying heads.

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6. Use plant material that is CNew York native or drought-tolerant for 75% of landscaping.

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7. Provide irrigation efficiency training for landscape staff through the GreenGardener.org program or equivalent.

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8. Use drip irrigation.

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Community

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Contact the Ulster County Green Business Champions Program Administrator or Program Coordinator. See Green Tip to the right for contact information.

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2. Publish your success to a social media or other social publication.

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3. Invite at least one other business to become a Green Business. Encourage them to enroll in the Green Business Program. Please introduce this business by copying your coordinator on an introduction email.

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4. Attend a community event hosted by a local advocacy organization.

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5. Post signage encouraging resource conservation (e.g. reminders to turn off lights, turn off faucets, recycling and composting, etc.)

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

6. Participate in Zero Foodprint to support better soil management at farms to capture carbon from the atmosphere and reverses the effects of climate change. Click here for more info: <https://www.zerofoodprint.org/>

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7. Inform your customers about what you're doing to be green. Examples: Post a list of your efforts in a visible location, promote green products or services as green, talk about it in your company newsletter, highlight your efforts on your website and link to the Green Business website.

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8. Encourage employee participation in sustainability efforts by adopting at least 2 of the following practices

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- > Incorporate sustainability best practices into employee on-boarding processes, documents, training and developmet.
- > Establish a "Green Team" that meets regularly to co-create and integrate sustainability practices across the organization.
- > Measure and communicate progress on sustainability initiatives to keep visibility high and reinforce the idea that achievements in sustainability are meaningful for the company
- > Reward sustainability champions with financial and/or non-monetary incentives (e.g., public recognition, bonuses, gifts, days off, etc.)

9. Educate all employees and encourage them to purchase the renewable energy option from your community choice energy provider or utility. If financially feasible, provide employees with a \$3.00/month stipend or other incentives for employees that provide documentation for signing up for the renewable energy option.

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10. Do business with another Certified Green Business. Find them using the directory at <https://search.greenbiztracker.org/> (<https://search.greenbiztracker.org/>)

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11. Farmers follow Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and Federal Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Protection Act.



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Other Green Things Your Business is Doing

GreenBiz Tracker

TIER 2

Energy

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Complete regularly scheduled maintenance on your HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) at least twice a year. This includes: cleaning or replacing filters, inspecting damaged suction lines, addressing leaks, checking condenser and evaporator coils for proper airflow, and maintaining the proper function of economizers (found in AC/package units).



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2. Insulate all exposed hot water pipes and refrigeration system cold suction lines in unconditioned spaced only i.e., in a garage or outdoors. This measure is required for pipes carrying hot water out of the water heaters and for pipes coming in and out of AC units.



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> How many linear feet of insulated pipe <1" in diameter do you have?

> How many linear feet of insulated pipe >1" in diameter do you have?

ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

13. Complete at least one energy audit or assessment to prioritize energy conservation measures and estimate costs for implementation; OR complete a comprehensive energy study.

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14. Replace your water heater with an electric heat pump water heater.

HELP

15. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA): Purchase 100% renewable electricity via enrolling your electricity accounts in a local CCA, if available in your community.

OR

Green Power Purchase: Purchase 100% renewable electricity via an energy supply company (ESCO). More information is available at the NYS Power to Choose website: <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/PTC/zipcode/12603>.

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16. Install strip curtains, air curtains or doors between work areas that require different room temperatures.

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17. Replace your fossil-fuel based heating system (natural gas, propane or oil) with an efficient electric heat pump (air source or ground source/geothermal) or wood pellet system.

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18. Install solar panels on site.

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> What is your monthly kWh generation?

19. Use lighting controls, such as dual technology occupancy sensors, bypass/delay timers, photocells or time clocks.

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> How many rooms are on occupancy sensors (usually in infrequently occupied areas such as restrooms, private offices, locker rooms, conference spaces)?

> How many rooms have photo cells (usually for exterior lighting or areas with significant natural light)?

> How many rooms have time clocks (for large banks of lights on circuit breaker that generally operate during off hours)?

> How many ice, vending, and snack machines have motion sensors and are placed in shaded areas?

20. Use ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators (those over 20 years old should be replaced). Check all refrigerator and freezer seals and gaskets. If they are cracked or not sealing properly, replace them.

 HELP

> How many ENERGY STAR rated refrigerators does your business use?

> How many ENERGY STAR rated mini-refrigerators does your business use?

21. Have (or commit to purchase) Energy Star office equipment, refrigerators and dishwashers, and EPEAT SILVER or GOLD printers (<https://epeat.net/imaging-equipment-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=3&productTypeId=185450&productTypeId=185451>),

computers and laptops (<https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&epeatRatingId=3&productStatusId=1&productTypeId=185433&productTypeId=185441&productTypeId=185434&productTypeId=185445&productTypeId=185439&productTypeId=185448&productTypeId=185437>), monitors

(<https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&epeatRatingId=3&productStatusId=1&productTypeId=185435>), and mobile phones (<https://epeat.net/mobile-phones-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&epeatRatingId=3>). Add these guidelines to your Environmental Policy under "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing."

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> How many ENERGY STAR /EPEAT rated LCD monitors does your business use?

> How many ENERGY STAR rated printers/copiers does your business use?

Pollution Prevention

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Use Integrated Pest Management. If contracting with a pest control operator, specify in contracts the use of IPM at your facility. Check with your pest control operator to see if they offer IPM services or look for a provider at EcoWiseCertified.com (<http://EcoWiseCertified.com>), GreenShieldCertified.org (<http://GreenShieldCertified.org>), or WhatIsGreenPro.org (<http://WhatIsGreenPro.org>).

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2. Use certified non-toxic laundry, cleaning and building maintenance products in non-aerosol containers such as Green Seal certified (<http://greenseal.org>), Environmental Working Group (<http://ewg.org/guides/cleaners>) with an 'A' or 'B' rating, US EPA Safer Choice (<http://epa.gov/saferchoice>), or UL EcoLogo (<http://tinyurl.com/ULEco>).

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Solid Waste

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Set up easily accessible waste stations with landfill, compost, and recycle bins co-located. Add clearly marked educational signage. Check with your coordinator or waste hauler for free signage and/or stickers.

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2. Donate excess food to shelters, food banks, or organizations that accept food scraps for animals.

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3. Compost any food waste within the office OR reduce food waste compostable waste by volume or weight.

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4. Work with your coordinator, waste hauler, or building manager to perform a waste audit to maximize recycling and composting (if applicable). Refer to Green Tip on right for details or check with your local Program Director if you have any questions.

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5. Purchase office/copy paper that is either: 100% recycled *or* FSC Certified with at least 30% post-consumer waste recycled content.

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> How many reams of office paper do you purchase annually?

NA

6. Purchase bathroom and kitchen papers with a minimum of 30% post-consumer waste recycled content (e.g., toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toilet seat covers, napkins).

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> Kitchen paper towels

> Bathroom paper towels

> Napkins

> Toilet seat covers

> Toilet paper

7. Ditches are vegetated to prevent erosion of the ditch sides, increase infiltration, and remove excess nutrients and pesticides from runoff.

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8. Adjust irrigation so that no excess water runs off of the farm.

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9. Riparian buffers are established.

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Water

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Replace all urinals flushing at greater than 1.0 gallon with high-efficiency urinals, flushing at less than or equal to 0.125 gallons, or waterless urinals (if appropriate, check with your local building department for applicable permits). Your water utility may have a rebate program for high-efficiency urinals.

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> How many urinals flushing at less than 1.0 gallons does your facility have?

> How many waterless urinals does your facility have?

> Please estimate how many male employees and visitors are at your business on an average day?

2. Retrofit toilets flushing at higher than 1.6 gallons with high efficiency toilets (1.28 gallons or less per flush). Your water utility may have a rebate program for high efficiency toilets.

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> How many visitors and customers use your facility on an average day?

> How many employees use your facility on an average day?

> Is the flush volume of the new toilet(s): 1.6, 1.28, 1.0, or 0.8?

3. Replace all existing faucet aerators and showerheads with low flow fixtures. Bathroom aerators should not exceed 0.5 GPM; kitchen sinks should not exceed 1.5 GPM; showerheads with flow rates higher than 1.8 GPM should be replaced with high-efficiency showerheads with rates of 1.5 GPM or less.

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- > How many 1.5 GPM showerheads have you installed?
- > How many 0.5 GPM lavatory sink aerators have you installed?
- > How many 1.5 GPM kitchen sink aerators have you installed?

4. Check for and repair all leaks, including in toilets (tablets to detect tank leaks can be obtained from your water utility).

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5. Install an automatic irrigation controller that uses local evapotranspiration data and/or soil moisture sensor data to create an irrigation schedule.

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6. For irrigated landscaping using an automatic controller, maintain an irrigation station map and have it available for the audit.

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7. Regularly inspect and repair all broken or defective sprinkler heads/nozzles, meters, and water pipes, lines and valves. Verify heads/nozzles are the proper rating/type for that application and positioned to prevent hardscape areas from being sprayed.

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8. Use drip irrigation.

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9. Irrigation needs are assessed based on scheduling timing and consideration of crop requirements, daily rainfall amounts, soil moisture levels, soil types, and other relevant factors, avoiding excessive water application.

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES **NO** N/A

10. Use plant material that is CNew York native or drought-tolerant for 75% of landscaping.

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CORE MEASURES

YES **NO** N/A

3) Which areas will the emission reductions be coming from (purchasing, transportation, etc.)?

18. Educate all employees and encourage them to purchase the renewable energy option from your community choice energy provider or utility. If financially feasible, provide employees with a \$3.00/month stipend or other incentives for employees that provide documentation for signing up for the renewable energy option.

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19. Be a certified organic farm. USDA National Organic Program (NOP) (7 CFR Part 205) certification.

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Other Green Things Your Business is Doing

GreenBiz Tracker

TIER 3

Energy

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Complete regularly scheduled maintenance on your HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) at least twice a year. This includes: cleaning or replacing filters, inspecting damaged suction lines, addressing leaks, checking condenser and evaporator coils for

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10. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA): Purchase 100% renewable electricity via enrolling your electricity accounts in a local CCA, if available in your community.

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OR

Green Power Purchase: Purchase 100% renewable electricity via an energy supply company (ESCO). More information is available at the NYS Power to Choose website: <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/PTC/zipcode/12603>.

11. Replace your fossil-fuel based heating system (natural gas, propane or oil) with an efficient electric heat pump (air source or ground source/geothermal) or wood pellet system.

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12. Sign up for the Solarize Ulster Program.

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13. Get a lighting audit - Audit must account for 100% of lighting in the space.

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14. Use ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators (those over 20 years old should be replaced). Check all refrigerator and freezer seals and gaskets. If they are cracked or not sealing properly, replace them.

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> How many ENERGY STAR rated refrigerators does your business use?

> How many ENERGY STAR rated mini-refrigerators does your business use?

ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

15. Obtain a quote for the future replacment of your fossil-fuel based heating system (natural gas, propane or oil) with an efficient electric heat pump (air source or ground source/geothermal) or wood pellet system.

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16. Improve the building envelope by adding insulation, sealing windows and doors, and other envelope improvements to reduce air infiltration and heat transfer (i.e. heat loss in the winter and heat gain in the summer.)

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17. Obtain a quote for future replacement of a water heater with an electric heat pump water heater and provide it to your coordinator for verification.

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18. Install solar panels on site.

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> What is your monthly kWh generation?

19. Have (or commit to purchase) Energy Star office equipment, refrigerators and dishwashers, and EPEAT SILVER or GOLD printers (<https://epeat.net/imaging-equipment-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=3&productTypeId=185450&productTypeId=185451>),

computers and laptops (<https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&epeatRatingId=3&productStatusId=1&productTypeId=185433&productTypeId=185441&productTypeId=185434&productTypeId=185445&productTypeId=185439&productTypeId=185448&productTypeId=185437>), monitors

(<https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&epeatRatingId=3&productStatusId=1&productTypeId=185435>), and mobile phones (<https://epeat.net/mobile-phones-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&epeatRatingId=3>). Add these guidelines to your Environmental Policy under "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing."

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> How many ENERGY STAR /EPEAT rated LCD monitors does your business use?

> How many ENERGY STAR rated printers/copiers does your business use?

20. Automate building temperature control using a building automation system, a programmable thermostat, or a smart thermostat to control heating and air conditioning systems. Implement setbacks to reduce heating and cooling needs during unoccupied hours.

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21. Obtain three quotes to install solar panels.

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22. Convert chilled storage/cellar evaporator fans to electrically commutated motors.

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Pollution Prevention

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Use Integrated Pest Management. If contracting with a pest control operator, specify in contracts the use of IPM at your facility. Check with your pest control operator to see if

they offer IPM services or look for a provider at EcoWiseCertified.com (<http://EcoWiseCertified.com>), GreenShieldCertified.org (<http://GreenShieldCertified.org>), or WhatIsGreenPro.org (<http://WhatIsGreenPro.org>).

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2. Limit habitat and breeding areas for rodents, mosquitoes, and flies (eliminate ivy, wood and debris piles, animal waste, fallen fruit, standing water).

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3. Reduce potential pest problems by planting a variety of species rather than a monoculture.

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4. Participate in a Healthy Soils NY Project through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund administered through the Department of New York Agriculture and Markets. or engage in other outreach activities related to soil health..

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5. Implement regenerative practices to improve soil structure and capture carbon like crop rotation, reduced/no tillage, and cover crops. Track Soil Organic Matter (SOM) by testing every 2-3 years, demonstrate incremental increases in SOM.

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6. Properly store and dispose of hazardous and "universal waste" as required by law. Label a storage area and notify employees. These types of waste include: fluorescent bulbs/tubes, aerosol cans, paint, electronic equipment (e-waste), and batteries. Ensure ink/laser toner cartridges are recycled. Visit search.earth911.com (<http://search.earth911.com>) or ask your coordinator about recycling and drop-off locations near you.

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

7. Establish hedgerows throughout the farm to support pollinators and beneficial insects, on-farm biodiversity, and windbreaks.

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8. Only apply pesticides or herbicides during dry weather and never before it rains.

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9. Buy recycled paint and low VOC products when available (paint, paint removal products, etc.).

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19. For retail use or shipping, purchase boxes or bags with recycled content. Minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content (unless a higher percentage is specified by your coordinator).

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20. Use reusable and refillable kegs for distribution to restaurant and bars. No "one-time use" kegs.

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21. Purchase or obtain previously used furniture, supplies, or materials. Check out sites such as freecycle.org or craigslist.org.

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22. Request that 3+ vendors/suppliers/online retailers provide their shipments in non-plastic packaging.

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23. Make a request to at least one of your suppliers to reduce waste by replacing non-recyclable content packaging with reusable/recyclable options.

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24. Reuse paper or plastic packaging materials in your own shipments.

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25. Obtain or donate previously used furniture, supplies or materials.

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26. Purchase office/copy paper that is either: 100% recycled *or* FSC Certified with at least 30% post-consumer waste recycled content.

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> How many reams of office paper do you purchase annually?

27. Offer incentives for customers who bring their own reusable bags, coffee mugs, containers, etc.

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Transportation

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Promote and participate in the National Bike to Work Day.

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2. Ensure tractors and farm equipment are properly maintained, fuel and air filters replaced, radial tires properly inflated, etc.

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3. Research the feasibility, incentives, and subsidized costs for installing an electric vehicle charger at your business. If you lease your space, please share your findings with the property owner/manager. If not feasible, find the nearest charging stations and communicate them to your customers/employees.

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES NO N/A

4. Host at least one publicly accessible networked electric vehicle charging station; post clear signage; publicize availability and ensure that station is included on EV charging network maps and apps.

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5. Purchase or lease at least one plug-in hybrid (PHEV) or battery electric vehicle (EV) for your business operations.

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6. Install a bike rack at the building. Bonus if its locally made in Ulster County.

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7. Offer employee commuting options.

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> Offer a Commuter Benefits Program to enable employees to use pre-tax deduction under IRS code 132(f) for transit, vanpool or biking costs.

> Have employees or the employer sign up for a guaranteed ride home program which provides a free or low-cost ride home in cases of emergency for employees who use alternative transportation to driving alone.

> Offer telecommuting opportunities and/or flexible schedules so workers can avoid heavy traffic commutes.

- > Encourage bicycling to work by offering rebates on bicycles bought for commuting, or provide employees a stipend or subsidy for bicycle maintenance.
- > Provide secure bicycle storage for staff and customers.
- > Set aside carpool/vanpool/rideshare parking spaces.
- > Offer a shuttle service to and from bus, train, and/or light rail stops and/or offer to pick up and drop off employees to and from the closest station.
- > Have a bike kit for employees who may have bicycle emergencies or problems.
- > Offer electric vehicle recharge ports for visitors and employees.
- > Offer lockers and showers for staff who walk, jog or bike to work.
- > Provide one or more company bicycles for employee use.
- > Ensure that at least 20% of staff walk, bike, or carpool to get to work.
- > Subsidize a shared bike membership for your employees. Check local bikeshare programs for any partnership opportunities or bike to work programs.

8. Replace at least one fossil fuel-powered forklift, heavy-duty trucks, refrigerated semi, UTV, or tractor with an electric one.

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9. Use renewable diesel in place of conventional diesel in vehicles.

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Wastewater

CORE MEASURES

YES NO N/A

1. Keep dumpsters and any other potential pollutants, such as paint cans, other chemicals drums, etc., covered and impermeable to rainwater. If no covers are available, provide overhead storage. Keep outdoor areas clean and report leaking dumpsters to your waste hauler.

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2. Keep materials that could contaminate storm water such as treated lumber or bagged concrete protected from rainfall and runoff.

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3. Ditches are vegetated to prevent erosion of the ditch sides, increase infiltration, and remove excess nutrients and pesticides from runoff.

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4. Minimize bare soil and maintain highly erodible areas, such as the ends of row crop furrows, steep areas, or locations with unstable soils with a continuous vegetative cover or covered with straw, crop residues, mulch or geotextile fabric to prevent erosion.

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5. Minimize soil compaction by avoiding the use of heavy farm machinery on wet soils and planting deep-rooted crops or cover crops in high traffic areas.

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6. Prevent sediment runoff from highly erodible areas (eg. hillsides) from entering local waterways by establishing filter strips, treatment ponds, swales.

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7. Ensure rows are aligned parallel to hillslopes to capture water and runoff.

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES **NO** **N/A**

8. Adjust irrigation so that no excess water runs off of the farm.

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9. Riparian buffers are established.

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10. Schedule excavation and grading projects for the dry weather season.

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CORE MEASURES

YES **NO** **N/A**

1. Replace all urinals flushing at greater than 1.0 gallon with high-efficiency urinals, flushing at less than or equal to 0.125 gallons, or waterless urinals (if appropriate, check

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8. Regularly inspect and repair all broken or defective sprinkler heads/nozzles, meters, and water pipes, lines and valves. Verify heads/nozzles are the proper rating/type for that application and positioned to prevent hardscape areas from being sprayed.

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9. Use drip irrigation.

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10. Irrigation needs are assessed based on scheduling timing and consideration of crop requirements, daily rainfall amounts, soil moisture levels, soil types, and other relevant factors, avoiding excessive water application.

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ELECTIVE MEASURES

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YES **NO** **N/A**

11. Use plant material that is CNew York native or drought-tolerant for 75% of landscaping.

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12. Use rain gardens, permeable pavement, and other landscape features or practices to increase rainwater capture and create opportunities for infiltration.

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CORE MEASURES

YES **NO** **N/A**

1. Have a Carbon Farm Plan to identify practices that allow agricultural operations to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and quantify climate benefits of implementing practices at the farm scale. Carbon Farm Plan practices also have the potential to improve soil health, water holding capacity, crop, and forage production, water conservation, and on-farm habitat.

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2. The farm is certified by the Food Justice Certification program. If not certified, please incorporate at least five of the featured practices. See Green Tip to the right for more details.

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documentation for signing up for the renewable energy option.

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20. Do business with another Certified Green Business. Find them using the directory at <https://search.greenbiztracker.org/> (<https://search.greenbiztracker.org/>)

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Other Green Things Your Business is Doing