

## How do I get started?

A business that wishes to become certified as a Green Business Partner can find all the information about the program and download the checklist from the Partners for a Greener Davis website ([www.cityofdavis.org/pw/greenpartners](http://www.cityofdavis.org/pw/greenpartners)). Interested businesses can fill out the certification checklist and hand deliver, mail, or email the completed checklist to:

Partners for a Greener Davis Program  
City of Davis Public Works Department  
1717 5th Street  
Davis, CA 95616  
[pwweb@cityofdavis.org](mailto:pwweb@cityofdavis.org).

In the interest of waste reduction, please do not fax your checklist. Questions about filling out the form can be directed to the City of Davis Public Works Department (757-5686).

## Re-certification

Certification as a Green Business Partner is good for one year. Re-certification each year is encouraged. When the time comes for re-certification, go to the Partners For a Greener Davis website ([www.cityofdavis.org/pw/greenpartners](http://www.cityofdavis.org/pw/greenpartners)), download the latest checklist, fill it out and submit it to the Public Works Department. We strongly encourage continuous improvement...so go for the gold!

For more information, contact the City of Davis Public Works Department at 757-5686, or visit [www.cityofdavis.org/pw/greenpartners](http://www.cityofdavis.org/pw/greenpartners).



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# Partners for a Greener Davis Program

Be recognized as  
a green business!



### Why should my business get certified as a Green Business Partner?

- Saving energy, water and raw materials saves you money. Sending less trash to the landfill saves you money, too.
- Developing a positive, proactive relationship with local compliance inspectors can help to ensure that you have the information you need to comply with regulations.
- The program promotes green businesses to the public and other businesses.
- Your company's community image is enhanced through Partners for a Greener Davis certification.
- Your employees will enjoy a safer workplace and will have one more reason to take pride in working for you.
- The Partners for a Greener Davis Program offers you free, convenient, time-saving assistance.

### To be certified as a Green Business Partner you must:

1. Comply with all environmental regulations applicable to your business. Please ask staff about this.
2. Implement a variety of measures to save energy,

### Waste Reduction and Recycling



water, and other materials, and reduce waste. The program checklist walks you through this step! You may find you are already doing many of the things listed.

3. Pledge to continue these terrific efforts to prevent pollution and conserve resources. Add new measures each year.

### Do I get credit for the good things I'm already doing?

Yes! In fact, your business may already qualify. These standards are designed to fit most businesses, but if certain measures are not applicable or feasible for your facility and operations, you may request an exemption or demonstrate alternative measures.

### Do I have to do everything on the checklist to become a certified Partner for a Greener Davis?

No, there are many ways to qualify. You must meet the minimum standards in each category. Gold, silver, and bronze certification status is awarded to each Green Business Partner based on the number of items completed on the checklist. In order to receive certification, a business must complete the required number of items in EACH section of the checklist. For example, in order to become gold certified, a business must check enough items for gold certification in ALL categories. Each section of the checklist clearly states how many items must be completed to achieve gold, silver, and bronze certification status.

### Energy Conservation



### Water Conservation



### Pollution Prevention



### Can I get an energy, water, or solid waste audit to help me get started?

Yes, the City of Davis Public Works Department offers free audits for waste/recycling and storm water pollution prevention. Please note that an energy audit is required for certification (see the General Standards section of the checklists for more details).

### Is there a fee to be certified as a Green Business Partner?

No, Partners for a Greener Davis certification is free!

### As a certified Green Business Partner, what sort of recognition do I receive?

Businesses that are certified under the Partners for a Greener Davis Program will receive a plaque to place in their window and a certificate with the Partners for a Greener Davis logo with the year in which they were certified. Green Business Partners will also be recognized in a variety of other ways, including newspaper mention, Partners for a Greener Davis website listing, a spot on the Davis Government Channel and other media as available.

