

CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESS APPLICATION



Date of Application: ____/____/____

Business Name: _____

Contact Person & Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website/Social: _____

Level of Membership (circle one) Platinum Gold Silver Bronze

Payment (circle one) Check Online Payment

Please check the Qualifying Initiatives you commit to — *Choose 12 for Platinum, 10 for Gold, 8 for Silver, 5 for Bronze, and 2 for Comrade:*

- Participate in one Litter Sweep a year by having a Team Leader and Members
- Sponsor-a-Pickup for \$100/mile
- Sponsor-a-Educational Partnership with a classroom/school
- Donate to our Green Scholarship Fund
- Provide receptacles in the businesses parking lot - one trash receptacle per 15 parking spaces with a minimum of one trash receptacle per storefront.
- Provide staff to empty receptacles in the business parking lot at least once every business day
- Have recycle bins and recycle at least 40% of trash onsite
- Offer compostable to-go containers
- Use Sustainable packaging
- Eliminate styrofoam
- Post KRCB messaging for your workers and patrons
- Have recycling receptacles near vending machines and in break rooms
- Implement the 3 R's by encouraging reduction in waste, reusing items when possible and recycling. Ideas include -
 - Use post-consumer waste (PCW) products like printing paper, packaging, toilet paper, and napkins, which are made from recycled materials

- Be eco-friendly with your paper by printing as little as you can and print on the highest percent of PCW paper you can find.
- Go paperless with your bills and offer invoices to your clients via email or another electronic method.
- Recycle ink and toner cartridges
- Sign up for an energy audit
- Become energy efficient -
 - Use energy-efficient appliances
 - Move to LED lights
 - Automate lights with motion sensors
 - Use smart thermostats
 - Take advantage of natural light
- Compost onsite
- Stock office kitchen with reusable cutlery and plates, etc (could also gift staff reusable water bottles)
- Do business with other green businesses (at least three)
- Use green web hosting
- Buy carbon offsets

Print Name: _____ Sign: _____

Please mail this document with your payment to Keep Rutherford County Beautiful, PO Box 834 Rutherfordton, NC 28139. Make the check payable to "Artifactoring" with "KRCB CGB" in the memo line. You will be contacted about your application within 7-10 business days.

SIGN THE GREEN PROMISE



1. LEARN - I will find out if my business complies with environmental regulations in the areas of waste, energy, water, pollution prevention, and air quality.
2. ACT - Within the next month, my business will comply with regulations and reduce the amount of waste we produce, recycle more and prevent litter.
3. SHARE - In the next month, I will encourage another Rutherford County business to take the #CertifiedGreen promise.

Signed by _____

Company _____

Date _____