

Green certification will help your restaurant thrive in a new green economy



The Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program recognizes restaurants* certified through third party certification programs. The county will provide a one-time subsidy toward the cost of certification—50% of the fee up to \$1,000. Restaurants are responsible for ongoing fees required to maintain certification. The subsidy is available to the first 40 restaurants that certify.

Restaurants certified by any of the four major third party certification programs identified below will automatically become Montgomery County Certified Green Businesses and will be listed in the county’s Green Business Directory.

For information on how to receive the subsidy, contact:
Cindie Harrison at 240-777-2013 or by e-mail at:
Cindie.Harrison@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov

For information about the county’s Green Business Certification Program, contact: Doug Weisburger at 240-777-7775 or by e-mail at:
Douglas.Weisburger@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov.

**Includes other food services, such as catering.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>B Lab</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500-\$25,000+ depending on company structure and annual revenue 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Green America</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 1-4 employees • \$250 50+ employees • The cost of certification is rolled into membership
<p><i>Green Restaurant Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350 to \$500 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Green Seal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$550

Certification Options for Montgomery County Restaurants

B Lab: B-Corporation.net

B Lab offers a single level of certification, and this is recognized by the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program. However, to be recognized, a business must achieve an above-average score on the Environment section of the B Impact Assessment.

Green Business Network: GreenBusinessNetwork.org

The Green Business Network is a division of Green America and offers two levels of certification: Gold and Green; however, only Gold Certification will be recognized by the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program.

Green Restaurant Association:

www.DineGreen.com

The Green Restaurant Association offers three levels of certification: 2 Stars, 3 Stars and 4 Stars, all of which are recognized by the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program.

Green Seal: GreenSeal.org

Green Seal offers at this time a single level of restaurant certification, and this is recognized by the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program.

