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GLACIER CENTENNIAL GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM

In 2010, Glacier National Park will celebrate its 100th anniversary. As the park approaches its centennial, one goal is to embrace, celebrate, and enhance many of its designations and partnerships. Glacier National Park was designated a [Climate Friendly Park](#) in 2003. Climate Friendly Parks plan and implement comprehensive measures to help increase efficiency and reduce the overall impact of park operations.

Glacier National Park has gathered a team of volunteers to implement the Glacier Centennial Program. One of the many centennial partners is the National Parks Conservation Association (www.npca.org). NPCA and the Glacier Centennial Program have launched the Glacier Centennial Green Business Program. The program allows businesses to pledge to reduce their impact, resulting in a more efficient and sustainable means of doing business in their community.

Benefits of the **Glacier Centennial Green Business Program**:

- ✓ Recognition on the Official Glacier Centennial Website, Green Business page: www.glaciercentennial.org
- ✓ Recognition in the [Centennial eNewsletter](#)
- ✓ **Glacier Centennial Green Business** products: a window decal, website badge, and logo for use in printed materials
- ✓ Save money on a monthly basis through reduced energy use, solid waste handling, and transportation costs.
- ✓ Recognition on the Crown of the Continent Geortourism website: www.crownofthecontinent.net
- ✓ Green marketing opportunities
- ✓ Help to reduce your environmental impact; decrease the amount of unnecessary waste that goes into our landfill, reduce energy use, conserve water, and foster a healthy local economy by supporting local businesses.

To be a **Glacier Centennial Green Business**, complete the following application and return it by using the “submit form” option. Please save a copy for your records. For questions, contact:

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APPLICATION

Name

Business Name

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email

To become a **Glacier Centennial Green Business**: Choose 7 out of the 15 green practices you will commit to for Glacier's Centennial. You may also check off practices you have already implemented in your business.

GREEN PRACTICE CHECKLIST

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Buildings are responsible for approximately half of all US energy consumption and CO₂ emissions annually. Building operations alone account for 43% of total US CO₂ emissions and 76% of total US electricity consumption.

Tax incentive - Businesses are entitled to a state tax benefit for energy conservation investments in buildings in Montana.

- Evaluate your energy use:
 - Use an [energy calculator](#), **or**
 - Get an energy audit – consult your local energy provider(s)
- Develop an [Environmental Management Plan](#)
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
 - CFLs are 76% more efficient than incandescent bulbs and last years longer.
- Purchase an [Energy Star](#) appliance, electronic product, office equipment, light fixture or other equipment
 - Through U.S. EPA's Energy Star program, companies can reduce their total energy consumption by an average of 30%
 - For outdoor lighting, use [Dark-Sky Approved Fixtures](#) to reduce light pollution.

- ❑ Turn off lights, computers, and unplug unnecessary appliances (use power strips) when not in use. Install motion detectors for security lights
- ❑ Complete an energy efficiency project. Choose one or more of the following options:
 - [Air Seal & Insulate](#) – seal air leaks and insulate
 - [Tune up](#) your Heating and Cooling system
 - Install a [programmable thermostat](#)

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Renewable energy can avoid or reduce air pollution, as well as reduce water consumption, thermal pollution, waste, noise, and adverse land-use impacts.

Tax incentive – Montana offers many incentives, tax and otherwise, for renewable energy development.

- ❑ Purchase alternative energy through your local utility
 - [Buying Green Power in Montana](#)
- ❑ Install an [Alternative Energy System](#) - solar, wind, geothermal system, low emission wood or biomass, or hydropower.
 - [Alternative Energy Loan Program](#) - Montana Department of Environmental Quality

SOLID WASTE REDUCTION

There are various incentives for reducing waste, including: cost savings, extended landfill life spans, resource conservation, energy conservation, economic development, pollution prevention, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and fostering a sense of community involvement and responsibility.

Tax incentive - Montana taxpayers may be eligible for certain tax breaks associated with processing and/or using recycled materials as part of their business operations.

- ❑ Reduce and Reuse materials to decrease the production of waste.
 - Conduct a [waste assessment](#)
 - Eliminate the use of unnecessary plastics and synthetic products (i.e. styrofoam)
- ❑ [Recycle](#) cardboard, aluminum, paper, plastic, tin, wood waste, and other products
 - Provide labeled recycling containers for employees and customers.
- ❑ Find alternatives to synthetic products, products cannot be recycled, or those that originate from virgin sources. Use:
 - Recycled products – recycled paper, coffee cups/jackets, napkins, etc.
 - Biodegradable products – trash bags, cups, utensils, etc

TRANSPORTATION

In addition to unstable gas prices, motor vehicles consume a major share of our non-renewable energy sources and contribute significant amounts of pollution, including greenhouse gas and air pollution.

Tax incentive - A state tax credit is available to businesses to convert motor vehicles licensed in Montana to operate on alternative fuels

- Organize a work carpool, bike, walk, or use [public transportation](#)
- Buy an [alternative fuel, hybrid, or highly efficient vehicle](#) (30 mpg or greater)

BUY LOCAL

When you buy from a locally owned business, rather than nationally owned businesses, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses, service providers and farms -- continuing to strengthen the economic base of the community. Buying local also reduces negative environmental impacts such as climate change, air pollution, and wasteful packaging.

- Use/Sell local products
 - **Produce**
 - [Montana Farmers' Markets](#)
 - [Abundant Montana](#) – Directory to Sustainably Grown Montana Food
 - **Products**
 - [Made in Montana](#)
 - Provide information for customers about the use of local products in your business

OTHER

Detail something that you have done, or are planning to do, to make your business more “green”. Please explain:

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RESOURCES

State of Montana

- [Energize Montana - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Montana Tax Incentives](#)

Energy Conservation

- [Energy Calculators](#)
- [Energy Audits](#)
- [Environmental Management Plan](#)
- [Compact Fluorescent Lighting](#)
- [EPA Energy Star Program](#)
- [A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Sealing and Insulating](#)
- [Heat and Cool Efficiently](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Programs – Northwestern Energy](#)
 - [How to Videos – Northwestern Energy](#)
- [International Dark-Sky Association](#)
 - [Dark-Sky Approved Fixtures](#)

Alternative Energy

- [Buying Green Power in Montana](#)
- [Alternative Energy Loan Program](#)

Solid Waste Reduction

Recycling

- [Earth 911 Recycling](#)
- [Waste Assessments](#)

Recycled Products

- [Montana Guide for Buying Recycled Products](#)

Transportation

- [EPA Fuel Economy](#)
- [Public Transportation in Montana](#)

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