

Level I: Light Green Certification



To be awarded the Light Green Certification, 12 actions from the list must be completed. 4 are required actions (highlighted in green).

Spirituality and Worship	Check after completing	Energy	Check after completing	Kitchen	Check after completing
Make regular use of environmental-focused prayers and/or songs in worship.		Utility expenditures and energy consumption are tracked and documented.		Locally sourced food and drinks are used when possible.	
Livestream worship on the website for community members.		A walk-through audit has been completed by a member of the faith community and an implementation plan to resolve identified issues is in place. Visit www.faithcommongood.org/guides to learn about FCGs DIY Audit Guide.		The faith community is eating less meat and dairy, or switching to plant-based alternatives where possible.	
All candles have been replaced with environmentally-friendly candles (e.g. beeswax or electric).		Signage posted at all light switches reminds people to turn off lights when not in use.		Reusable, recyclable, and/or compostable dishes and cutlery are in regular use.	
Place symbols of nature in the sacred space, gardens, or meditation area.		Programmable thermostats are in use and winter set-back temperatures are in place.			
		Programmable thermostats are in use and summer set-back temperatures are in place.		Environmental & Climate Justice*	
Community		Ceiling fans are in regular use in order to circulate heat during the winter and cool the space during the summer.		The faith community has studied its faith traditions recent statements on fossil fuel divestment.**	
Promote and facilitate household energy audits and water conservation. Visit www.faithcommongood.org/tip_sheets to learn how you can get started.		Usage of caulk and spray foam to air-seal the building.		The faith community has formed an environmental justice discussion group and climate justice themes have been incorporated into services and events and promoted across social media platforms.	
The faith community has assisted in local environmental clean- up, restoration projects or tree planting initiatives.		Weather stripping on windows and doors has been upgraded.		The faith community has researched the traditional territory and treaty on which it is located and incorporates a statement of land acknowledgement into its services and events. Visit www.native-land.ca to learn more about Indigenous territories.	
Car-pooling, public transit use, and bicycle use is encouraged by the faith community.		Water		Total Light Green Actions:	:
Online meetings (e.g. Zoom, Skype, etc.), emailing, and phone calls are being used regularly in order to decrease the need to drive to meetings.		Basic efficiency steps have been taken such as low-flow aerators on all faucets, posting signs advising people to limit water usage, and regular checks to ensure no leaky faucets or toilets.		•	
Encourage volunteering initiatives aimed at environmental responsibility, reducing individual carbon footprints, and taking climate action.		Steps have been taken such as insulating hot water tanks and pipes.			
Resources with a nature and environmental stewardship focus are available in the faith community's library or common area and across your social media platforms.		Exterior watering of the grounds only occurs in the morning or evening and is shut off when it is raining or rain is expected.			
Operations and Maintenance		Waste			
A Sustainability Coordinator has been appointed and has begun to develop 'best practices' documents for all areas of your faith community.		Blue bins can be found in every area. Signs are posted near the bins advising people as to what can and can't be recycled.			
Biodegradable, non-toxic, phosphate-free cleaning products are purchased and used within the facility.		The faith community composts regularly through their municipal composting program.			
The faith community has a 'think twice before printing' policy and an active paper reduction and recycling policy.		Reusable or cloth bags are used while shopping at grocery stores to reduce plastic waste.			

the Centre for Earth Ethics (www.centerforeurthethics.org) defines Environmental Justice as fighting for the equitable distribution of technology and resources with a preference to those who need them the most, and promoting the protection of the earth, its ecosystems, and giving all access to clean water, clean air, and surroundings free of toxic chemicals.

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