

Green Chapter Certification



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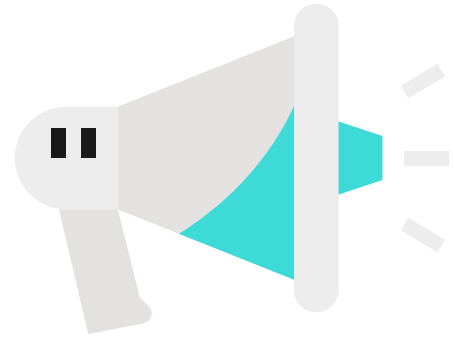


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WHY CERTIFY?



What are the benefits? How can certification support the goals of your chapter?



Promote

Certification shows others
- prospective members
and peers - that your
chapter is actively working
to better itself and run
sustainably.



Save Money

Many of the small efforts
to meet actions - such as
turning off lights and
reducing water use - saves
you money! Win Win!



Encourage Participation

Joining this program provides
members with new opportunities to
participate in the chapter by creating
new positions and committees to
manage the chosen goals.



Make an impact

The overall goal of the
program is to encourage
sustainability - you can
have a part in improving
campus life!



Overview of Certification Process

What's next?



Complete the Interest Form

Use the hyperlink above or see all links on quick links slide

Meet Prerequisites

Jump to the next slide for all five prerequisites.

Identify Best Fit Actions

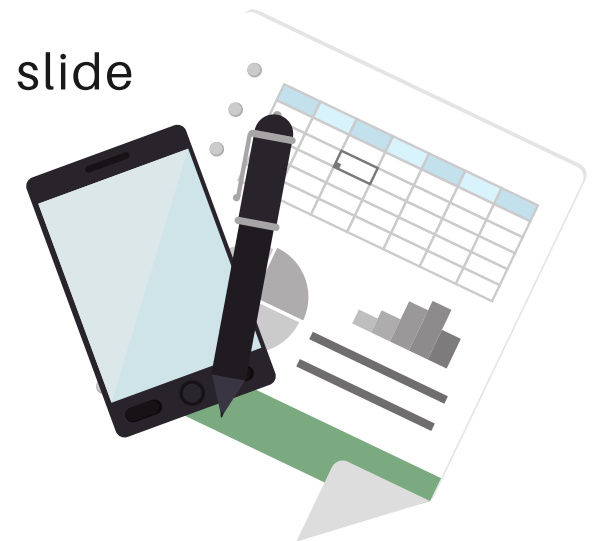
Identify what actions are best matched to the unique skills, interests, and lifestyles of your chapter members.

Commit!

Commit to those checklist actions, and make them a reality in the day to day lives of your members.

Spread the Word

Promote your chapter as a Certified Green Chapter, and spread the word about what that means to prospective members and other chapters.



Prerequisites:

What to establish before beginning the certification process



01

Leadership

Elect a member to be the official Sustainability Ambassador to be the point of contact.



02

Paper

Use a minimum of 30% recycled copy paper for all chapter prints, flyers, etc.



03

Lights

Turn off lights, monitors, and other devices when unused/ at night.



04

Food

Offer at least one vegetarian or vegan option for events.



05

Recycling

Make sure to have and use clearly labeled recycling bins.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

All four actions must be met regardless of certification level- no exceptions!



GO PAPERLESS

Go paperless wherever possible. For example, email flyers rather than printing them.



PRINTING

Use a minimum of 30% recycled content paper when you print.



LIGHTS

When not in use, turn off the juice! Designate a role for checking all unused lights at night.



RECYCLE

Sign up for Recycling Service Pickup. Provide clearly labeled recycling bins.

Elective Action Groups

Select at least 5 activities from within these groups.

05

Innovation & Engagement

Your ideas matter - let us know!

04

Transportation

Strive to walk, bike, and carpool more.

03

Waste Minimization & Recycling

Reduce, reuse, recycle!

02

Utility Conservation

Conserve energy, water, and heat.

01

Food & Dining

How to green your kitchen and diet.



FOOD & DINING



Elective actions



Meatless Monday

Every Monday, go vegetarian/vegan for all chapter meal options. OR gain 1 point/ 5 members who stop eating red meat all together!



Shop Local

Pledge to serve at least one meal a week using local fruits and vegetables. Stop by the Student Sustainable Farm!



Gardening

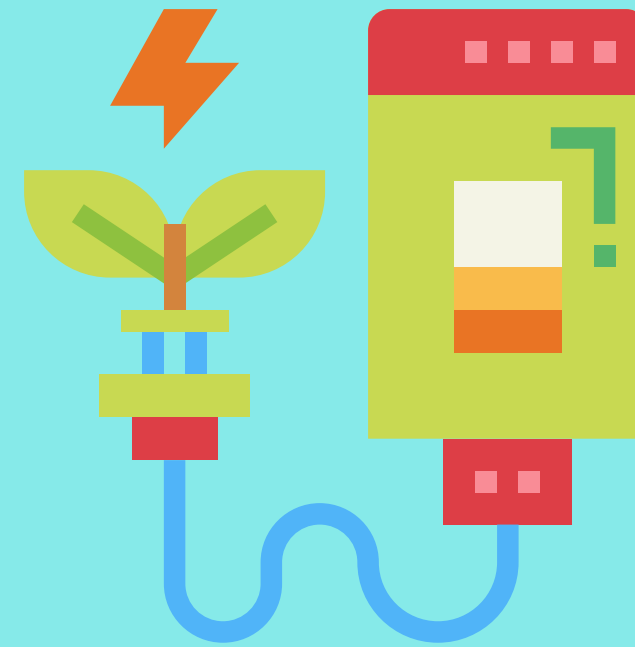
Plant a garden, or start a compost pile. Anything grown at home helps minimize the environmental impact of food transport.



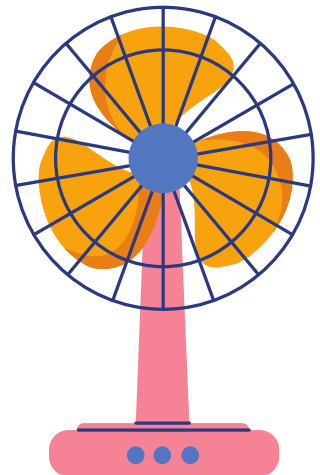
Shop Fair Trade

Purchase fair trade/sustainably sourced coffee, tea, and chocolate for common use.

UTILITY CONSERVATION

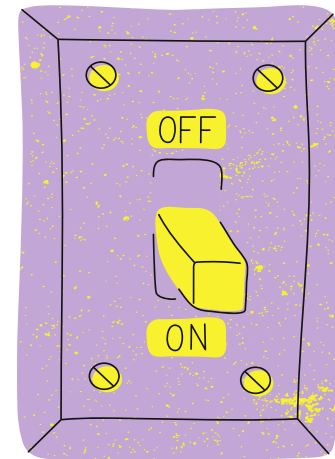


Elective actions



Temp Control

Pull down window shades in common areas during the daytime during cooling season, and pull them up during heating season.



Hit the Switch

Put signage near light switches reminding people to turn them off when the room is empty.



LED

Use LED bulbs wherever possible in your house.



Showers

Replace your existing shower heads with low-flow options.

WASTE & RECYCLING



Elective actions



Eco Bags

Make a shared set of reusable bags available for use when shopping. Reusable mesh produce bags are great options for fruits and veggies.



Bye K-Cups!

Eliminate the use of single-use coffee pods. Conversely, buy a reusable pod and refill with your favorite ground coffee to continue using the device.



Coffee

Zero out your coffee waste. Use a reusable filter and don't purchase individual sugar packets, creamer tubs, or stirrers.



Dish it Out

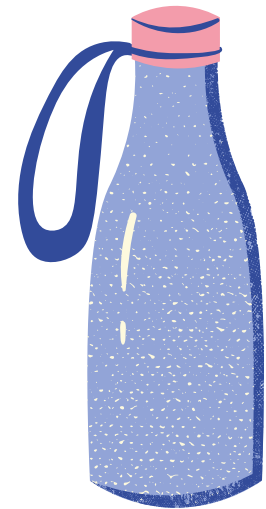
Share a set of reusable dishes for meals, and limit disposable plate, cup, and flatware usage.



WASTE & RECYCLING 2



Elective actions



Reusable Water Bottles

Commit as a chapter to use reusable water bottles instead of drinking bottled water (one point for every five members who make the pledge).



Spirit Wear

Order your spirit wear from vendors that uses recycled plastic fiber, organic cotton, or sustainable practices rather than mass unsustainable production.

TRANSPORTATION

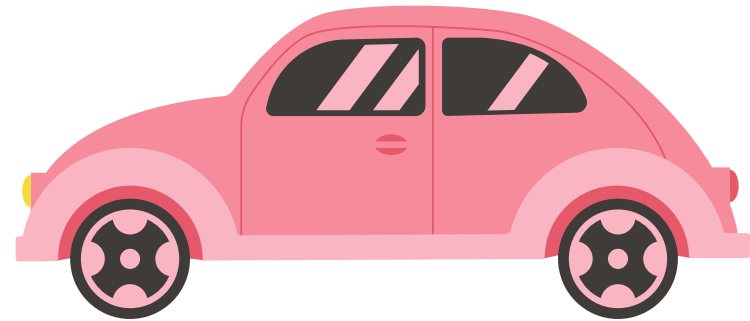


Elective actions



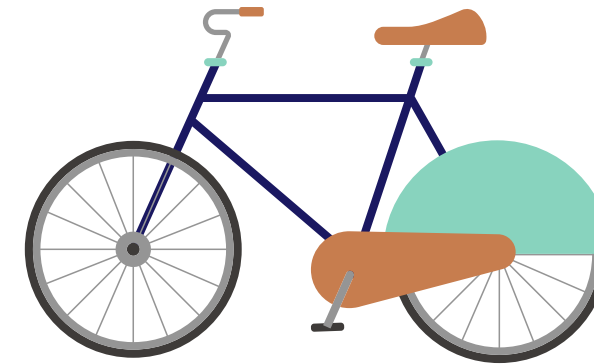
Bus Use

Make sure all members are aware of the closest bus routes to your house and how to use their iCard as an MTD bus pass.



Carpool

Set up a carpooling program to reduce the number of single occupant drives.



Bike Rack

Provide a bike rack/bike storage for your house. Travel with bike locks to make sure your ride is secure!



Active Transport

Use active transportation (bus, walking, bicycling) for all local travel when weather permits (one point/ five members who make the pledge).

INNOVATION & ENGAGEMENT

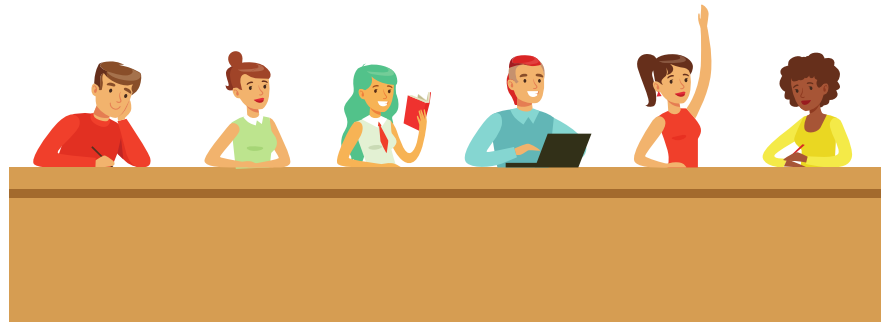


Elective actions



Refer your friends

Refer another chapter to join the program (2 points).



Campus Activities

As a chapter, participate in an on-campus sustainability program such as Illini Lights Out, the Campus Bike Census, or a lecture during the iSEE Congress. ***

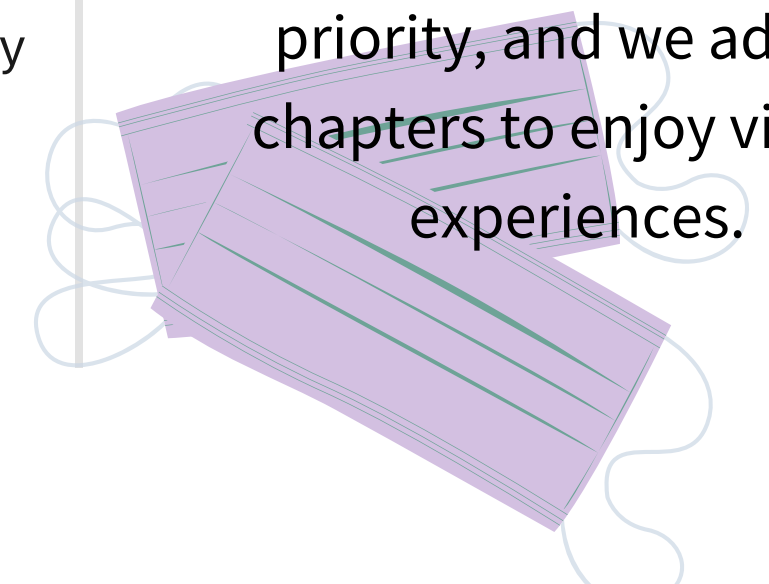


Green Team

Form a Green Team to share the responsibilities of the Sustainability Ambassador and encourage creativity.

*****Covid update:**

We ask that you practice caution and social distancing at this time, especially for campus activities. Your health and safety is the main priority, and we advise chapters to enjoy virtual experiences.



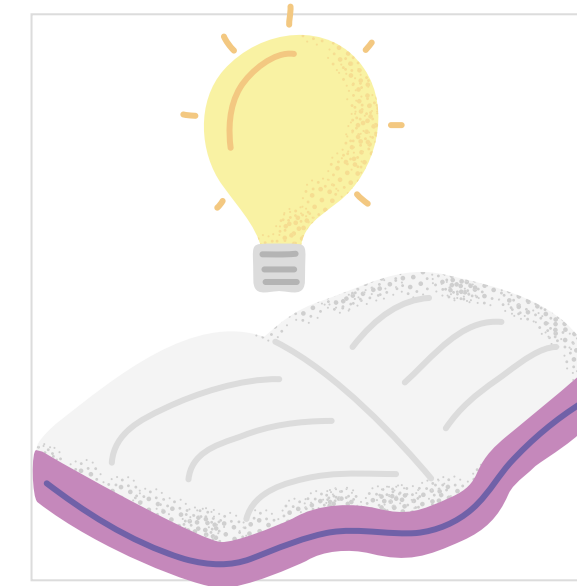
INNOVATION & ENGAGEMENT 2

Elective actions



Academics

Incorporate sustainability into your academic plans. You could become an SEE fellow, minor in sustainability, and so much more. (1point/5 members)



New Ideas

Come up with your own initiative to make your chapter greener — and tell us about it!

CERTIFICATION RANKINGS

Tally up all elective actions from each category - add more commitments for a higher ranking! These do not include the prerequisite actions.



BRONZE

5 Elective Actions



SILVER

10 Elective Actions



GOLD

15+ Elective Actions

Please note: some actions require making changes to your home, check with your property owner/national office before choosing more permanent/ structural elective actions! (Ex: adding a garden)

Tally up your elective actions here

QUICK LINKS BY STEP

1) Interest Form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezySGzkluEMMMjS2EB1Yj0Y8rTzUwWqd39Lm5f9qVb23SRoA/viewform>

2) Tally Actions

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciDyHGcZA9fHmGZHU5VwZZwIDgPijkHKARLKexi41QjCYFZg/viewform>

3) View Full Guide

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yMAFuQweqaC4THhp4kDZ497TW4pvt1AMRc0A25PK7R4/edit>

4) Visit the Greener Campus Website

<https://sustainability.illinois.edu/green-certifications/>

5) Contact FSA

<https://fsaffairs.illinois.edu/>





Thank you for your interest in certification!

PLEASE VISIT OUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE
FOR MORE DETAILS, RESOURCES, AND
EXAMPLES

FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE EMAIL
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