



GREEN HOSPITALITY

FACT SHEET

What is Green Hospitality Certification?

The Audubon International Green Hospitality Program provides third-party verification that audited hospitality facilities have met environmental best practice standards and have demonstrated a strong commitment to making improvements.

Through a comprehensive method for assessing the extent of the environmental measures undertaken, participating facilities can reduce environment-related costs and gain a marketing advantage.

Focal areas:

- Communication
- Community
- Waste & Procurement
- Water
- Energy
- Chemicals & Air Quality

Who is eligible?

Any facility with lodging can join including:

- Select Service Hotel/Resort
- Full Service Hotel/Resort
- Full Service Destination Hotel/Resort
- Condo or Fractional Ownership Hotel/Resort

How does it work?

Step 1: Membership

Become a member of Audubon International and pay the membership fees. Once your membership is all set up, we will reach out to get you the materials you need to start the certification process.

Step 2: Designation Application

Complete the Designation Application and submit it to Audubon International. Upon receipt of your application, we will review it to ensure we have the information needed to conduct the in-person site visit and then prepare a plan for items to discuss and confirm during the visit.

Step 3: Site Visit & Review

Audubon International Green Hospitality staff will conduct a site visit at your property. Afterwards, our team will review your Designation Application and notes from the site visit, contacting you to clarify any questions if necessary.

Step 4: Certification & Eco-Rating

If your environmental efforts meet our criteria, you will be designated as an Audubon International Certified Green Hospitality Property. Your score will determine your eco-rating as one of the following: Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum. We will send you your certificate and prepare an environmental performance report with suggestions about how to improve. Completed applications and reports are confidential and only accessible to you and program staff.



Step 5: Recertify Every Three Years

To maintain your designation, you will need to undergo a recertification process every three years. You can increase your eco-rating! Tools are available to help you implement and expand environmental practices, including online resources and fact sheets.

What is the cost?

After a one-time enrollment fee of \$500, membership dues are billed annually based on the number of guest rooms at your property. A site visit fee and additional travel costs for the auditor are billed separately.

For more information, please contact:

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Select Service Hotel/Resort; Condo or Fractional Ownership Hotel/Resort

Number of Rooms	Annual Membership Fee*	Site Visit Fee
1-200	\$500	\$500
201-500	\$750	\$500
500+	\$1,000	\$500

Full Service Hotel/Resort

Number of Rooms	Annual Membership Fee*	Site Visit Fee
1-200	\$600	\$600
201-500	\$850	\$600
500+	\$1,100	\$600

Full Service Destination Hotel/Resort

Number of Rooms	Annual Membership Fee*	Site Visit Fee
1-200	\$750	\$750
201-500	\$1,000	\$750
500+	\$1,250	\$750

**Base fees for a single hospitality establishment in North America. International and multi-part projects will receive a customized proposal.*

