

Become a Green Star[®] Certified Community

Is your community looking to enhance waste reduction, energy conservation, and prevent pollution?

Join the free Green Star[®] Communities Program to gain the guidance you need and be recognized for your hard work and accomplishments!

What is the Green Star[®] Communities Program?

- Promotes community-based conservation and planning efforts to improve landfill operations, waste reduction, energy conservation, wastewater and clean drinking water.
- Provides FREE education and technical assistance to achieve the Green Star[®] Community Standards.
- Recognition for Green Star[®] Community awardees at the annual Alaska Forum on the Environment.
- There is no regular reporting, just an initial assessment and workplan.
- A non-regulatory, voluntary program funded through the USDA.
- Can work within the objectives of your U.S. EPA Indian General Assistance Programs (IGAPs) and Tribal Response Programs (TRPs).





Green Star[®] Community Standards

1. Develop a policy expressing the intent to manage air quality, drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, and energy use consistent with the best technology and practices available.
2. Utilize best available practices for managing local air quality.
3. Utilize best available practices for managing energy use with primary emphasis on energy efficiency.
4. Utilize best available practices for managing local drinking water sources and supply systems.
5. Utilize best available practices for managing wastewater collection and disposal systems.
6. Utilize best available practices for minimizing, recycling, collecting, and managing solid waste.
7. Manage household hazardous materials and wastes to reduce impact to human health and the environment. Highlight and promote Safer Choice-certified products. Demonstrate leadership in the adoption of the use of Safer Choice-certified products in local businesses, community facilities and residences.
8. Identify future goals and develop a five-year plan for long-range tasks that address community concerns, reduce environmental impacts, improve community health, reduce energy demand through efficiency and conservation measures, and promote the transition to the use of local, renewable resources.
9. Engage local government, businesses, and community members in their efforts to achieve Green Star[®] Community Standards.