

Climate Wise Partner Levels At a Glance

As approved by the 2007 Climate Wise Partner Advisory Committee

This is a dynamic document. Climate Wise staff realize that programs and company policies change over time, and will make reasonable accommodations to support the diverse group of Climate Wise businesses and organizations throughout the years.

	Bronze**	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Your Progress
Sign partnership agreement.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Report data annually, using the Climate Wise data collection form .	annually	annually	annually	annually	
Post or circulate Climate Wise information to your employees, and share your Climate Wise activity with other partners and the community. (ongoing, as requested).	annually	annually	annually	annually	
Notify customers of Climate Wise participation by placing your Climate Wise plaque in your lobby and the Climate Wise logo in your window. (ongoing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Attend the required number of climate related meetings or seminars*. Qualifying events include Climate Wise partner meetings, Environmental Business Program Series, Fort Collins Utilities workshops, Green Build Conference, and others. (annually) At least one of the events should be a Climate Wise partner meeting.	2 meetings required annually	2 meetings required annually	3 meetings required annually	3 meetings required annually	
Send a representative to the annual Climate Wise Orientation. (once, unless Climate Wise representative changes or otherwise requested by Program)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Complete site assessment with Climate Wise staff OR share results of self-assessment tool with Climate Wise staff. (once)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Implement at least one climate related measure. Use the data collection form to report the data of your measure(s) to Climate Wise by March 1 of the following year. (annually)		annually	annually	annually	
Use the poster form to submit qualitative summary of activities for the Envirovation annual Climate Wise recognition event. (annually)			annually	annually	
Serve on the Climate Wise Partner Advisory Committee, OR mentor a new Climate Wise partner, AND plan/host a quarterly meeting or Climate Wise event. (once, or as requested)			✓	✓	
Complete the Climate Wise Greenhouse Gas (GHG) baseline tool for your business operations.			annually	annually	
Create and share a GHG reduction goal, indicate strategies and measures planned to achieve your goal. Staff will assist you and check on plans annually.			annually	annually	
Participate in and implement at least one measure through a City of Fort Collins or Utility program that has a climate benefit. Examples include Fort Collins Utilities Electric Efficiency Program (EEP), Green Energy Program, Design Assistance for New Buildings, XCEL programs, and Transfort's Passport program; host a station for Bike to Work day, or otherwise as applicable. (once)			✓	✓	
Demonstrate and maintain climate neutral status for your operation (purchasing offsets), OR participate in the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) OR participate in the California Climate Action Registry OR develop, and share with staff, a management system with climate focus (ISO 14001, ISO 14064, Sustainability Management System) OR earn the ENERGY STAR label for your facility or part of your facility OR earn a LEED™ certification for your facility or part of your facility. (once) OR implement an innovative program or initiative with significant climate benefits (requires steering committee approval)				✓	
Participate in the GREEN Works program. Implement 2 employee challenges per year to educate and encourage employees to help your organization move forward on conservation efforts. For smaller organizations, you may substitute customer education. Complete a challenge form for each challenge implemented.				annually	

Notes: *Any employee or representative can attend meetings—levels do not only apply to just one company representative.

**Partners have two years from achieving Bronze level to move to Silver level before dropping to inactive status.