



Application Form

Directions: This form is to be completed by restaurants applying to become members of the New York Green Business (NYGB) program. This program is voluntary. There is no cost to apply or participate. For more information regarding NYGB program requirements, refer to the NYGB Restaurant Guidance. Contact the Pollution Prevention Unit at nygb@dec.ny.gov or 518-402-9469 with any questions.

Completed applications must have an original or electronic signature by the restaurant owner or authorized party. Submit application via email: nygb@dec.ny.gov. A confirmation email will be provided.

Section A: Restaurant Information:

Name of Restaurant

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Contact Person's Name

Contact Person's Phone

Contact Person's Email

Restaurant Website (or Facebook page)

Mailing Address (if different from street address)

How did you hear about NYGB

Is this restaurant a member of the [Green Restaurant Association](#)?

Yes

No

Section B: Background Information:

1. Please provide a brief description and history of the restaurant: (include information on size, type of food served, and the community/neighborhood it is located in)

2. Please provide a brief description and history of the restaurant's sustainability program and related initiatives: (include information on how your program began, what impact areas it covers, results from it, awards or honors won, previous and ongoing projects, participation in charitable work or donations, etc.)

Section C: Commitment to Compliance

To become a member of NYGB a restaurant must demonstrate a commitment to compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws and requirements. Restaurants applying to become members of NYGB must also meet the basic compliance standards for entrance to NYGB, which can be found in the [NYGB Guidance](#).

In addition, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will conduct a compliance screening on all applicants via the process outlined in the NYGB Guidance to ensure that applicants meet the NYEL compliance standards.

This restaurant is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws and requirements and commits to ensuring that it stays in compliance while a member of NYGB.

If you are currently not in compliance, and still believe that you meet the basic compliance standard for entry to NYGB, please discuss your situation below:

Section D: Basic Requirements

Note: Restaurants must meet all of the requirements below to become a member of NYGB. More information on these requirements can be found in the NYGB restaurant guidance. *Please check the box under each requirement* to affirm that the restaurant meets it and fill in any required responses below.

I certify that this restaurant:

1. Has a written sustainability statement that communicates its commitment to sustainability.

Please enter your sustainability statement below:

2. Has a system in place to track the following:

• Electricity Usage • Water Usage • Gas Usage • Waste Generation

3. Purchases at least 10% of its food and beverages from New York State growers/producers.

Please describe the New York State food and beverages that the restaurant purchases. Include information on the type of food/beverage, where it is produced, the grower/producer, and, if possible, the overall percentage of your food/beverages purchased that come from within New York State.

4. Does not use or give customers polystyrene, or polystyrene foam (also known as styrofoam), containers, such as take out boxes and coffee cups.

5. Uses green cleaning products for its food service area, dining and retail areas, and restrooms, defined as products that are certified and carry the label of either [Green Seal](#) or [UL EcoLogo](#).

[Note: This does NOT include food contact or laundry sanitizers.]

6. Recycles the following items:

- Plastics • Paper/Cardboard • Glass • Metals • Waste kitchen oil • Electronics • Ink Cartridges
- Any other items required by law

7. Has installed energy efficient lighting, defined as light emitting diodes (LEDs), 2 or 4 pin non-linear compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), or T-5 fluorescent lamps, or any combination of these, in all fixtures that are controlled by the restaurant. This does NOT include marquee, accent, or neon lighting.

If the restaurant does not control the lighting and the lights have not been upgraded to energy efficient products, then the restaurant must have made an effort to work with the landlord to have the lights upgraded.

Once a member of NYGB, restaurants are required to install lighting products that are of the types mentioned above and are [Energy Star](#) labeled as it replaces its lighting.

8. Commits to purchasing [Energy Star](#) labeled products, where applicable, to replace items and appliances that are at the end of their useful life once a member of NYGB.

9. Commits to having [Water Sense](#) labeled fixtures, faucets, and sprayers installed in all applications, except for their pot filling sink, by the end of its three year membership period.

10. Carries out a regular preventative maintenance program for its refrigeration and freezer units.

11. Effectively communicates its sustainability commitment to its customers and employees, including providing training on sustainability initiatives to employees and gathering feedback on its program.

Please describe your sustainability communications and employee training below:

While not a requirement for entrance to NYGB, many restaurants divert their food waste from landfills by donating, composting, or sending it to an anaerobic digester. If you divert your food waste, please describe the process below:

Section E: Future Sustainability Commitment

NOTE: Restaurants that are members of the [Green Restaurant Association](#) do not need to complete this section.

Restaurants that are members of NYGB must commit to make an improvement in one area of their environmental footprint. This commitment must go beyond compliance with environmental laws and regulations. The restaurant will work towards achieving the commitment during its three year membership period in NYGB with the expectation that it will either achieve, or make significant progress towards, the commitment by the end of its membership period.

The category should be what you are impacting (energy use, materials purchased, water use), the indicator should be the specific part of that impact (total electricity use, local food purchased, total water use), and the units should be how the amount is measured (kWh, percentage of total food purchased, gallons). The baseline year should be the last year that you have complete data for (Ex. 2016 if applying in 2017) and the goal year should be three years from now. Samples of completed sustainability commitment sections and a list of ideas for sustainability commitments can be found in the NYGB Restaurant Guidance.

Sustainability Commitment

Category Indicator Units

Baseline Goal
Year Year Baseline Amount Goal Amount

How will this commitment be achieved:

If this commitment is regulated, please discuss how it goes beyond compliance with current regulations.

What is the time line for completing this commitment:

What are the environmental benefits of this commitment:

Will progress on this commitment be reported in a normalized manner? If so, describe the normalization factor used below:

Section G: Application and Commitment Statement

- I have read and agree to the terms and conditions for application and participation in the NYGB program, as specified in the NYGB Restaurant Guidance and the [NYGB Guidance](#).
- I have personally examined and am familiar with the information contained in this application. The information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, true, accurate, and complete.
- Based on the foregoing compliance assessment and subsequent correction actions (if any were necessary), this restaurant is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, currently in compliance with applicable federal, state, local, and tribal requirements.
- I understand that this application does not guarantee acceptance into the NYGB program and is contingent upon DEC approval of the application and potential verification visit by NYGB staff.
- I understand that verification of the requirements for entry will be conducted during an on site visit by NYGB staff if the restaurant is accepted into the NYGB program.
- I am the owner, or authorized facility signatory, and am fully authorized to execute this statement on behalf of the restaurant that is applying to this program.

Applicant Signature

Print Name:

Signature:

Title:

Date: