



GREEN LODGING

FACT SHEET

What is Green Lodging Certification?

The Green Lodging Program provides third-party verification that audited lodging facilities have met environmental best practice standards and have demonstrated a strong commitment to water quality, water conservation, waste minimization, resource conservation, and energy efficiency.

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:

- Waste Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling
- Water Quality and Conservation
- Energy Efficiency
- Indoor Air Quality
- Outreach and Education

Who is eligible?

Any facility with lodging can join including:

- Hotels
- Resorts
- Clubhouses
- Inns/Bed & Breakfasts

How does it work?

Stage 1: Assessment

Familiarize yourself and your staff with the program and the key aspects of environmental management for lodging facilities. Conduct a review of your current practices and identify areas to improve. When you are ready, complete the Green Lodging Designation Application and submit it to Audubon International.

Stage 2: Review

We will review your application and schedule a site visit to verify your practices.

Stage 3: Verification

Audubon International staff will complete an independent verification of your facility to assess its environmental best practices.

Stage 4: Eco-Rating Awarded

An eco-rating of bronze, silver, gold, or platinum is awarded based on your overall score and site visit results. We send you a certificate and an environmental performance report with suggestions about how to improve.

Stage 5: Continuous Improvement

You can increase your eco-rating! We provide tools 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. Travel costs for required site visits are billed separately.

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

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

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