

**EXTENDED DEADLINE!!!**

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>!**

**You could be a winner of  
Oswego's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Green Business Award!**

Your good environmental practices can make you a winner! If you are doing positive things for the planet, now is the time to be recognized for it. Enter the competition for a Green Business Award from the Oswego ECO Commission. Entering takes about 15 minutes. As a winner, you will receive local publicity and an award plaque to display in your place of business.

All businesses, nonprofit organizations and government bodies in the Village of Oswego are eligible to win one of three awards: the "Green", "Greener" and "Greenest" Business Awards. The deadline for entries is March 15, 2010. For more information or questions about the competition, email: [eco@oswegoil.org](mailto:eco@oswegoil.org); or call (630) 554 – 3622.

*Good Luck!*



# GREEN BUSINESS AWARD

## ENTRY FORM

**One goal that the Oswego Economic Development Corporation, the Oswego Chamber of Commerce and the Environmentally Conscious Oswego Commission share is to promote Green Business practices within the community. It is important to increase awareness among our businesses and residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Green Businesses that preserve our resources and enhance our overall quality of life deserve recognition and rewards for their efforts.**

***Instructions:** Please answer the following questions as they pertain to your business and your business activities. There is space at the end of the questionnaire to let us know about any additional “green” activities that may add to your final score. We realize that every business is different. The questionnaire below is designed to allow for some flexibility from business to business.*

#	<b>General</b>	Yes	No
1	Does your business have a Board-approved environmental policy or set of guidelines that helps it become more environmentally responsible?		
2	Do staff members participate in a business environmental committee and/or are there designated staff members to review, update and/or enforce environmental policy?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

#	<b>Energy</b>	Yes	No
3	Does your business utilize energy efficient appliances?		
4	Does your business utilize low energy light and controls?		
5	Does your business utilize efficient heating, cooling, and hot water systems?		
6	Does your business utilize efficient insulation and ventilation?		
7	Does your business utilize renewable energy?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

#	<b>Water</b>	Yes	No
8	Does your business utilize water efficient showers, taps, and toilets?		
9	Does your business harvest rainwater and/or greywater or use off-main sources?		
10	Does your business utilize chlorine and phosphate-free cleaners?		
11	Does your business use natural based cleaners and methods?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

#	<b>Administration and Finance</b>	Yes	No
12	Does your business dedicate funds in its operations and/or capital budgets to support achievement of environmental goals (e.g., recycling, energy audits, natural area acquisition, landscape restoration, environmentally friendly purchasing, etc.)?		
13	Does your agency participate in collaborative environmental efforts with other public or private organizations?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

#	<b>Facility Management &amp; Maintenance</b>	Yes	No
14	Does your business provide opportunities for staff and patrons to recycle waste products in office areas, classrooms, and public areas, including lobbies, facilities, etc.?		
15	Are recycling containers visible, well marked and easy to locate?		
16	Are staff and the public encouraged to recycle via policies, training and memoranda?		
17	Does your business make conscious efforts within all departments to purchase products made from recycled and recyclable content?		
18	Does your business encourage the use of electronic communication as a means of conserving paper?		
19	Is staff encouraged to use double-sided copying of documents?		
20	Are outside concessionaries required to minimize the use of disposable products and provide recycling for patrons?		
21	Do restrooms have electric hand dryers instead of paper towels?		
22	Is energy-efficient light used (florescent, compact fluorescent, motion-activated lighting in restrooms)?		
23	Does your business include energy efficiency as a specification when purchasing or replacing major appliances?		
24	Do facility HVAC systems include energy saving features such as min/max settings designed to reduce use during down time, interior air recycling, regular cleaning and efficiency inspections, etc.?		
25	Does your business promote the use of environment friendly, low toxicity and/or fragrance-free cleaning products?		

26	Does your facility make use of alternative energy systems to provide energy and/or conserve energy, such as passive or active solar systems, wind energy, or geothermal energy?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

#	<b>Transportation</b>	Yes	No
27	Does your business make use of walking or cycling options for employees and patrons?		
28	Does your business utilize eco-friendly vehicles?		
29	Does your business have a program in place to help conserve fuel use for company vehicles?		
30	Does your business provide bike racks on site?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

#	<b>Community &amp; Awareness Promotion</b>	Yes	No
31	Does your business promote a natural and healthy environment to your patrons?		
32	Does your business environment include indoor plants to assist in indoor air quality and overall wellbeing?		
33	Does your business donate or volunteer in the community to improve local recycling efforts?		
34	Does your business encourage employees and patrons to attend/utilize community sponsored events that promote green practices (i.e., Recycling Extravaganza or Electronics Recycling)?		
35	Has your business eliminated the use of plastic bags, and encouraged the use of reusable bags?		
36	Does your business discourage the distribution of plastic bottles?		
37	Does your business avoid excessive packaging and hazardous packing materials such as Styrofoam?		
<b>Optional Details</b>			

**Essay – Optional**

Please use this space to tell us about any green activities you are involved in that you feel were not covered in the above questions. Your answer will assist in rounding up your points should you be close to qualifying for a Green Business Award. Please be brief.

#	Question	
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<b>Business Information</b>	
Business Name/Type of Business	
Address	
Phone Number	
Contact Person	
Email Address	
Number of Employees	
Business Website Address	

All applications are due Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Thank you for your concern and interest in making Oswego a Green Community. Your questionnaire can be submitted 3 ways:

Mail to: 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, IL 60543

Fax to: (630) 551-3975

E-mail to: [eco@oswegoil.org](mailto:eco@oswegoil.org)