



## Requirement Checklist for Food Service Restaurants & Caterers



### General Criteria *(Must achieve all General Criteria to receive certification)*

- All paper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail and cardboard are recycled.
- All glass bottles, metal cans, plastic bottles (including those without a deposit) and #5 plastic containers are recycled.
- Facility has a system-wide process in place to keep recyclable items separate from the trash (such as desk side recycling containers) and ensures that these separated recyclables are placed in outside recycling containers for pick up and are not thrown in with the trash.
- Recycling collection is provided through the business' waste hauler or another method is in place to transport and recycle the materials (i.e. business self-hauls material to a [Material Recovery Facility](#) or to OCRRA's [Rock Cut Road Transfer Station](#), depending on volume.) *Proof required if self-hauling option is utilized.*
- List one or more waste reduction practices the business has implemented to reduce waste in the workplace (Example: use less paper, provide reusable water bottles or coffee mugs to employees for reuse, etc.) Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Fats, oils, and grease are collected for recycling by a rendering firm, or used to generate biodiesel.
- Business has a formal written policy on recycling.

### Reduce & Reuse: Choose Two New or Existing Measures Below

- Use reusable plates and silverware.
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam products and the use of non-compostable plastic ware.
- Purchase at least one of these paper products (paper napkins, towels, or other tissue products made with 100% recycled content).
- Set copy machine(s) defaults to "double-side documents" to reduce paper usage.
- Donates leftover food to a food bank charity or pantry.
- Restaurants only: Reduce paper towel usage by adding energy-efficient air dryers.
- Participates in a business battery recycling program (for example: Call2Recycle - [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)).
- Provide contact information for three other Onondaga County businesses that you feel may be interested in achieving Blue Ribbon Recycler Certification \_\_\_\_\_  
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- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ (For OCRRA Consideration).

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