



2021 Recertification Criteria

Recertification is required every two years to show continuous improvement.

Assistance and mentoring are available to anyone that would like help completing the 2021 recertification criteria. Please contact Carlye to learn more about this opportunity.

To be eligible for recertification, organizations must complete the following criteria:

- **REQUIRED:** Organizations must demonstrate continuous improvement by completing each of the following:
 - Recommitment statement – In order to reduce paper waste all recommitment statements will be electronic. No signatures are required this year.
 - Submit a short description stating the reason(s) your organization remains committed to the Green Certification Program and the natural resources of Montgomery County.
 - Confirmation of ongoing education with employees regarding environmental policies/practices.
 - You may provide a short write-up explaining what you do or provide copies of materials that you have distributed to your employees.
 - Updated environmental plan that includes goals for the next two years.
 - Attend annual refresher webinar series.
 - Webinar series will be held in May – Attendance may be during live stream or by viewing the recorded webinar.
 - Site Visit – Due to COVID-19 no onsite visits will be conducted this year. Instead, organizations will need to submit a short video (no more than 3 minutes) showcasing at least one of the sustainability practices of the organization. If an organization is unable to provide a video, a file with photos and descriptions may be used instead.
- **OPTIONAL:** Complete the point system spreadsheet
 - Organizations that complete the point system spreadsheet will be eligible for the best overall small and large organization awards presented at the annual banquet. ***If you choose not to complete the point system spreadsheet, your organization will not be considered for a best overall award.***

All recertification materials are due by August 1, 2021. Organizations that recertify will receive an updated data plate and will be recognized at the annual banquet. Organizations that complete the point system spreadsheet and obtain a higher level will also receive a plaque acknowledging their advancement at the banquet.