



Thank you for your interest in Green Star Program.

As part of an effort to keep Corpus Christi the Sparkling City by the Sea, Corpus Christi City Council on \_\_\_\_\_ passed an Environmental Recovery Fee ordinance. As part of a larger effort of litter reduction, the City also created the Green Star Program.

The Green Star Program is a City of Corpus Christi program designed as an alternative to the Environmental Recovery Fee. It is also intended to highlight businesses that embrace and implement greener practices.

In order to qualify, businesses must be evaluated by City staff. Other requirements include having receptacles properly labeled and emptied on regular basis, reducing litter, and training staff training in litter reduction. Businesses participating in the Green Star Program must also encourage reusable bag usage and no longer providing single use plastic bags. Lastly, Green Star businesses must also have promotions and incentives to customers to bring reusable bags and participate in Litter Ordinance Education Program.

Thank you for taking the first step in creating a more beautiful City!

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Services**

2525 Hygeia Street,  
Corpus Christi TX, 78415  
(361) 826-2489



**COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE SURVEY FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE GREEN STAR PROGRAM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full legal name of business

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Business PHYSICAL Address

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Business MAILING Address

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Business Phone, Business Fax, Business Email

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Hours of Operation

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Agent or member of management completing Survey per 21-62(b)

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plastic Bag Questionnaire**

1. Does your business provide single use plastic bags and/or single use garment bags to your customers?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. If your business does provide single use plastic bags and single use garment bags for your customers, approximately how many do you give out per day?

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3. Does your business offer re-usable bags for sale?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Does your business give customers a credit or rebate when they bring their own carryout bag(s)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes tell us about the credit.

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5. What are your challenges of not providing single use bags to your customers?

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6. Are there any issues or concerns that impact your business?

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**Recycling**

1. Does your business subscribe to single stream recycling?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who collects your recycling?

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3. Do you need assistance in recycling?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What items/materials are recycled at your business?

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5. If your **recyclable material** is sent to a City of Corpus Christi RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER, approximately how much (describe volume) of recyclable material do you produce per day?

\_\_\_\_\_ lbs

6. If your recycling is sent to a **RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER** which one do you use? (please circle one)

*H-E-B Parking Lot  
Leopard and Violet*

*H-E-B Parking Lot  
Alameda and Glazebrook*

*Fellowship of Oso Creek Church  
7402 Yorktown Boulevard*

7. Please indicate if City drop-off sites are conveniently located and easy to use.

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8. Site appearance:

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9. Was the employee courteous?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Parking Lot Survey:**

1. What is the approximate size of the establishment's parking lot?

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Slots

2. How many trash receptacles are in parking lot?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How often are they emptied?

\_\_\_\_\_time(s) per \_\_\_\_\_

4. How often are parking lots patrolled for litter?

\_\_\_\_\_time(s) per \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you keep a litter log?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are trash receptacle signs clearly visible?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**How to qualify for Green Star Program:**

- Must be interviewed by City Staff.
- Receptacles must be properly labeled and emptied on timely bases.
- Must be little or minimum parking lot litter. (i.e. frequent litter patrols)
- Must have staff training in litter reduction.
- Eliminate single-use plastic bags.
- Only use Re-usable bags.
- Promotion and incentives to customers to bring re-usable bags.
- Participate in Litter Ordinance Education Program by giving suggestions at:

<http://www.greenstarcorpus.com/suggestions>

*\* Qualified Green Star Retailers will be exempt from environmental recovery fees.*

**Environmental Recovery Fee Sec. 21-61 (b)**

*(a) The fee shall be either :*

- \$0.10 per plastic checkout bag and/or single use garment bag (“per bag”), OR*
- \$1.00 per transaction involving plastic checkout bags and/or single use garment bags (“transaction”)*

*After reading the Green Star requirements and you rather **pay** the Environmental Recovery Fee, which fee are you going to pay?*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0.10 per plastic checkout bag and/or single use garment bag (“per bag”),

Or

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 per transaction involving plastic checkout bags and/or single use garment bags (“transaction”)



**Section 21-61**

**City of Corpus Christi Green Star Program Remittance Form**

Reporting Period: From\_\_\_\_\_ To\_\_\_\_\_

Application ID:\_\_\_\_\_

Application ID:\_\_\_\_\_

Agent or member of management who is personally responsible for Plastic Bag Reduction Program Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment for Environmental Recovery Fee

Check

Checkbook Number	
Amount Enclosed	

For Credit Card Payment go online or in person at City Hall 1201 Leopard St. Central Cashiers, First Floor.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ DO HERBY ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION REPRESENTED ON THIS STATEMENT IS ACCURATE.

## **Sec. 21-61. Establishment and Remittance of Environmental Recovery Fee**

- (a) A fee is hereby established for customers making purchases from businesses utilizing single use plastic checkout bags to offset the cost to the City Environmental Recovery Program. No fee shall be charged for single use plastic bags used for meat, poultry or fish.
- (b) The fee shall be either :
  - i. \$0.10 per plastic checkout bag and/or single use garment bag (“per bag”), OR
  - ii. \$1.00 per transaction involving plastic checkout bags and/or single use garment bags (“transaction”)
- (c) Each business shall make an election of either the per bag or transaction fee at the time the business submits a Plastic Bag Reduction Program to City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Department. If no election is made by the business, the per bag fee shall apply.
- (d) If a business wishes to change from the per bag fee to the transaction fee or vice versa, the request must be:
  - i. Within the first 6 months of election,
  - ii. In writing, sent certified mail, return receipt requested to the Director of the City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Department, and
  - iii. May only be changed once every 365 days, starting from the effective date of this ordinance
- (e) Fees must be paid by the customer at the time of purchase. Businesses shall not pay the fee on behalf of customers.
- (f) All businesses which choose the per plastic check out bag fee shall indicate on the consumer transaction receipt if the customer used plastic bags and the total amount of fee charged.
- (g) Fees shall be collected by the business on a calendar month basis and remitted to the City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Department by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following calendar month. A late payment fee shall be assessed of one hundred (100) dollars for each month the fees are unremitted to the City.
- (h) Fees collected under this ordinance shall be used for, including but not limited to:
  - i. Giveaways of free reusable bags;
  - ii. Public education on reducing litter;
  - iii. Hiring of more code enforcement officers and other City employees to improve litter enforcement;
  - iv. Cleanups of shorelines, storm drains, streets, parks and dumping areas; and
  - v. Reduction of the residential solid waste/garbage pickup charges.

**Sec. 21-66. Penalties for Violation.**

Any violation of Section 21-61 (a), 21-61(b), 21-61 (c), 21-61 (d), 21-62, 21-63, or 21-65 shall be subject to punishment as follows:

- (1) First violation. A written warning notice shall be issued to the business that a violation has occurred. No fine shall be issued for the first violation.
- (2) Subsequent violations. The fines shall be as follows:
  - (A) \$100 for the first violation in a calendar year;
  - (B) \$200 for the second violation in the same calendar year; or
  - (C) \$500 for each additional violation in the same calendar year.
- (3) No more than one citation shall be issued to a business within a 7-day period.
- (4) A violation under this subsection is a class C misdemeanor.
- (5) The culpable mental state required by Section 6.02 of the Texas Penal Code is specifically negated and dispensed with and a violation under this subsection is a strict liability offense.



**Green Star Qualification/Plastic bag reporting form City of Corpus Christi**

Reporting Period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Retailer: \_\_\_\_\_

Retailer ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Retail Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reporting Period: from  
Reporting Quarter (Check one)

- Reporting Quarter (Check one):
- Q1 (January 1-March 31)
  - Q2 (April 1- June 30)
  - Q3 (July 1-September 30)
  - Q4(October 1-December 31)

**Section 21-65. Quarterly Reporting.** All businesses shall maintain records of and submit to the City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Department a quarterly report that specifies:

- (a) The number of plastic bags purchased by the retailer during the reporting period.

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- (b) The number of reusable bags sold to consumers during the reporting period.

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*\*The business must maintain these records for a period of no less than two years.  
\* Retailers must report any information change on registration to the City of Corpus Christi.*