

Commit to Zero Waste by 2035

Join the Zero Waste Partnership Program!

The Zero Waste Partnership Program is a new way for the City to collaborate with local businesses and organizations on achieving Zero Waste in Philadelphia. This new program encourages both Zero Waste practices throughout the city, and knowledge sharing between the City and Zero Waste Partners. Partners will earn special incentives for implementing Zero Waste practices, such as eligibility for the Sustainable Business Tax Credit, and exclusive marketing tools from the City.



Zero Waste Partners report on...

Zero Waste Actions

Such as composting, sustainable product purchasing, implementing zero waste education, and donating excess stock.

Waste Diversion Rate

Partners report the percentage of their total waste that is redirected from the landfill or incinerator to other disposal methods. Ideally, this waste is instead somehow recycled or reused.

Increasing your waste diversion rate and the number of Zero Waste Actions completed will increase your Partnership status! Silver Partners achieve 7/10 actions and 70% waste diversion, and Gold Partners achieve 9/10 actions and 90% waste diversion.

GOLD

- All actions required to achieve **Zero Waste Partner** status
- A **90%** waste diversion rate
- Completion of **9 out of 10** Zero Waste Actions

SILVER

- All actions required to achieve **Zero Waste Partner** status
- A **70%** waste diversion rate
- Completion of **7 out of 10** Zero Waste Actions

PARTNER

- Complete a **Commercial Waste Report** annually
- Submit your property's waste diversion rate monthly using the supplemental **Zero Waste Partnership** form
- Follow the City's **waste and recycling ordinances**

Go to commercialwaste.phila.gov and join today!

Become a Partner in three easy steps!

1

Submit the Commercial Waste Report Form, Annually

Even if you are not responsible for submitting a Commercial Waste Report for your property, you can still become a Partner! You will only submit the monthly Zero Waste Partnership form, and your building owner or manager will remain responsible for annual submission of the Commercial Waste Report.

Who can become a Partner?

Any business or organization in the City of Philadelphia can become a Zero Waste Partner, including:

- Schools
- Restaurants
- Hospitals
- Offices
- Shops & Retail
- Apartment Complexes
- ...and more!

2

Submit Your Property's Waste Diversion Rate and Completed Zero Waste Actions Monthly, Using the Zero Waste Partnership Form

Go to commercialwaste.phila.gov and follow instructions to complete the form; you can also complete the Commercial Waste Report using this same portal if you are required to do so.

3

Complete and Maintain Zero Waste Action Item #1

This Action, which certifies compliance with Philadelphia's recycling ordinances, is required to maintain Partnership status at any level.

Why Join The Partnership?

- Show patrons that your business or organization is committed to making Philadelphia a cleaner and more sustainable city
- Become eligible for Philadelphia's Sustainable Business Tax Credit
- Gain access to an exclusive marketing package, including a branded decal and Partnership Certificate, and Zero Waste program tools and tips
- Be recognized in the City's Zero Waste marketing publications and websites

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