

HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARAGE?



If you see the opportunity in optimizing performance, cutting energy consumption and leveraging sustainable operations for your parking facility, recognition through Green Garage Certification may be a great fit for you. Review the following checklist to see if your facility is ready to apply for certification by the not-for-profit Green Parking Council, an affiliate of the International Parking Institute.

Does your facility . . . ?

- Charge for parking
- Serve more than one type of patron (i.e. commercial, retail, residential, etc.)
- Belong to an organized Transportation Management Association
- Offer recycle bins for patrons & employees
- Purchase recycled, organic or local products
- Regularly maintain garage surfaces and structure
- Clean with green, non-toxic cleaning
- Apply low- or no- VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) coatings to all surfaces
- Commission or re-commission the structure's functional systems
- Recycle disposed materials, use local labor, or source local or recycled materials when undergoing new construction or renovations
- Hold any third party sustainability certifications, such as LEED or Green Globes
- Sit near a bus or train station
- Help drivers find your parking facility with wayfinding outside of your garage
- Help patrons locate available spaces quickly with internal wayfinding
- Help drivers exit the garage with little or no idle time with traffic control (i.e. pay-on-foot kiosks, key card gate control)
- Offer reserved or discounted parking for vanpool or carpool customers
- Provide reserved or discounted parking for fuel efficient vehicles
- Provide reserved or discounted parking for alternative fuel vehicles
- Offer parking for bicycles
- Offer bike sharing (or have one nearby)
- Educate your customers about environmental sustainability initiatives
- Charge electric vehicles
- Have climate controlled occupied areas (programmable thermostats/sensor controls)
- Have an open air design with no ventilation system in the parking areas
- Ventilate the decks with variable controlled air flow (i.e. VFD) or sensor activated (i.e. DCV) technology
- Light with energy-efficient fixtures
- Use lighting controls such as timers, photo sensors or occupancy sensors
- Have a stormwater management plan
- Have a green roof (vegetation), blue roof (retains water), or roof coated with a light colored, solar reflective material
- Generate renewable energy (i.e. solar PV, wind turbines, hydroelectric)

If you checked more than 20 boxes, there is an excellent chance your facility may qualify for recognition as a Certified Green Garage. If you checked more than 10 boxes, incorporating a few innovative operating practices or program enhancements may be all that is needed to qualify.



Get started today at greenparkingcouncil.org/certification