



# Five Steps To Becoming a Green Business

## 1. Adopt, post for customers, and circulate to your employees the following Green Business Pledge:

*We believe a successful business is dependent upon a healthy environment. We are actively working to show our environmental responsibility to our community by committing to the following objectives:*

- 1. Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;*
- 2. Conserve energy, water and other natural resources;*
- 3. Implement practices that prevent pollution and waste;*
- 4. Be an environmentally responsible business in our community.*

## 2. Designate a Green Business Coordinator or team that will be responsible for coordinating and maintaining Green Business efforts.

## 3. Demonstrate compliance with regulatory programs addressing:

Hazardous waste management  
Wastewater discharge  
Storm water protection

Hazardous materials storage  
Air emissions  
Local environmental regulations

*The Green Business Coordinator will conduct the compliance checks. Please complete the Bay Area Air Quality Board Source Emissions Questionnaire and the Hazardous Waste and Environmental Health Questionnaire and return them to the Green Business Coordinator. If you need assistance with getting in compliance before the checks occur, please ask your Green Business Coordinator.*

## 4. Institute the following general practices:

- Monitor, record and post water & utility usage and hazardous/solid waste generation rates;
- Provide incentives and training to encourage employee participation;
- Inform customers about your efforts to become a Green Business;
- Introduce at least one other business to the Green Business Program.

## 5. Implement measures from the Green Business Checklist\* to meet the Green Business Standards for:

Water Conservation  
Energy Conservation

Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling  
Pollution Prevention

- *To request a Green Business Checklist, please email or call the Green Business Coordinator ([darmanino@co.marlin.ca.us](mailto:darmanino@co.marlin.ca.us) or 415-499-3292) with the following information:*
  - *Your Contact Information*
  - *A description of your business/industry type*
  - *Whether or not you are a home-based business*
- *Once you have adopted measures for your business please return a copy of the checklist or a summary list of measures to the Green Business Coordinator. The Coordinator will then contact you to schedule a verification site visit.*