



# GREEN LODGING

## FACT SHEET

### What is Green Lodging Certification?

The Audubon International Green Lodging Program provides third-party verification that audited lodging facilities have met environmental best practice standards and have demonstrated a strong commitment to making improvements.

Through a comprehensive method for assessing the extent of the environmental measures undertaken, participating facilities can reduce environment-related costs and gain a marketing advantage.

#### Focal areas:

- Communication
- Community
- Waste & Materials
- Water Conservation
- Energy
- Chemicals & Air Quality

### Who is eligible?

Any facility with lodging can join including:

- Hotels
- Resorts
- Clubhouses
- Inns/Bed & Breakfasts

### How does it work?

#### *Step 1: Membership*

Become a member of Audubon International and pay the membership fees. Once your membership is all set up, we will reach out to get you the materials you need to start the certification process.

#### *Step 2: Designation Application*

Complete the Designation Application and submit it to Audubon International. Upon receipt of your application, we will review it to ensure we have the information needed to conduct the in-person site visit and then prepare a plan for items to discuss and confirm during the visit.

#### *Step 3: Site Visit & Review*

Audubon International Green Lodging staff will conduct a site visit at your property. Afterwards, our team will review your Designation Application and notes from the site visit, contacting you to clarify any questions if necessary.

#### *Step 4: Certification & Eco-Rating*

If your environmental efforts meet our criteria, you will be designated as an Audubon International Certified Green Lodging Property. Your score will determine your eco-rating as one of the following: Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum. We will send you your certificate and prepare an environmental performance report with suggestions about how to improve. Completed applications and reports are confidential and only accessible to you and program staff.



### Step 5: Recertify Every Three Years

To maintain your designation, you will need to undergo a recertification process every three years. You can increase your eco-rating! Tools are available to help you implement and expand environmental practices, including online resources and fact sheets.

### What is the cost?

After a one-time enrollment fee of \$500, membership dues are billed annually based on the number of guest rooms at your property. A site visit fee of \$500 and additional travel costs for the auditor are billed separately.

Number of Rooms	Annual Membership Fee*
1-200	\$500
201-500	\$750
500+	\$1,000

*\*Base fees for a single lodging establishment in North America. International and multi-part projects will receive a customized*

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