

# Green Department Program Overview

## What is the Green Department Program?

The Green Department Program is a voluntary, competitive, and incentive-based program for faculty and staff. The goal of the Green Department Program is to foster a sustainability-minded culture on campus and help Weber State achieve its energy efficiency and sustainability goals. Each participating department is considered a “Green Team” and has the opportunity to earn points and achieve different levels of certification; Bronze (25-39 points), Silver (40-54 points), Gold (55-69 points) and Green (70 + points).

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Points are earned by adopting sustainable habits and completing actions outlined in a Green Team checklist. The checklist has a variety of actions to choose from and is broken up into 8 different sections: Prerequisites, Energy & Climate, Waste Diversion/Zero Waste, Purchasing, Transportation, Outreach & Education, Social Sustainability, and Innovation. Each Green Team will receive a checklist to track points and plan which actions to pursue.

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- Each Green Team participating in the Green Department Program will receive an initial baseline audit followed by an audit every three (3) years to maintain or move up in certification.
- Audits consist of the following:
  - Audit of Energy Star and EPEAT electronics and appliances
  - Random waste audit
  - Checklist audit
    - A Green Team meeting will take place to go over which actions the Green Team has implemented from their checklist within the 3 years prior to the audit date (aka: recertification or audit period)
      - For example: If an audit is conducted on 01/01/2022, the actions taken between 01/01/2019 - 01/01/2022 will be considered

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- Green Teams who wish to move up in the program or recertify at a higher level can request an audit or meeting at any time. (The 3-year time frame is to make sure we are keeping up with teams without being too much of a burden).
- It is important for Green Teams to continue following their checklist and participating in events if they wish to stay current in the program. If a Green Team recertifies at a lower level after an audit, they will be given a 6-month grace period to reimplement checklist actions and keep their standing on the leader board
  - Note: No plaques or items received in the program will be taken away, this is simply to make sure teams that wish to stay current in the program are following guidelines and are fairly represented in the competition.

## What is Sustainability?

Sustainability is based on the integration of our **society**, **economy**, and the **environment** to create social and intergenerational equity, ensuring that future generations are afforded the same opportunities and resources the present has access to.

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