



EnviroCertified.org is an initiative of the [Spokane River Forum](#)
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The [EnviroCertified Program](#) is a voluntary program offered to local small businesses. The program certifies businesses that put practices and policies in place to responsibly manage dangerous waste and conserve resources. The Spokane Regional Health District provides pollution prevention technical assistance visits. The Spokane River Forum conducts program administration, recognition activities and certification visits.

Pollution Prevention

The [Pollution Prevention Assistance](#) program is funded by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Program specialists visit small businesses that generate dangerous waste to evaluate their management practices. They assess businesses for regulatory compliance, while offering new and best management practices for improvements. Visits are offered without charge to the business and provide support to:

1. Identify and analyze possible sources of pollution such as:
 - a. Management of wastewater and wash water
 - b. Stormwater maintenance practices
 - c. Outdoor storage practices for products and waste
 - d. Fueling operations
2. Provide tips and resources that help reduce operating costs.
3. Discuss ways to safely handle, reduce, reuse, recycle and dispose of hazardous materials.
 - a. Waste disposal and recycling
 - b. Spill prevention and spill kits
 - c. The [Spokane Waste Directory](#) provides hundreds of disposal options for businesses.
4. Explain the regulations and permits needed to safely handle hazardous materials
 - a. Confirm that Safety Data Sheets are on file for all hazardous products.
 - b. Check that Emergency Spill Procedures are posted, and employees are trained

EnviroCertified Applications

Following successful completion of the Pollution Prevention Assistance visit, an EnviroCertified Specialist visits the business to review their full application. [Applications](#) are industry specific for:

[Auto Body and Painting](#)
[Auto Repair](#)
[Carpet Cleaning](#)
[Dental Office](#)
[Dry Cleaning & Laundry](#)
[Fleet Services](#)
[Food Rescue](#)

[General](#)
[Landscaping](#)
[Local Government](#)
[Residential Property Management](#)
[Restaurant & Food Service](#)
[Veterinary Clinic](#)

Each industry application includes recommendations for energy and water conservation along with environmental best practices which are evaluated during the Certification visit. See applications above for the full list of items evaluated. Examples include:

Energy Conservation

- Energy consumption is monitored and conserved.
- We participate in local energy rebate and incentive programs.
- Motion-sensors, LED or natural lighting is used.
- Hybrid, electric, biodiesel or car-share vehicles used.
- LEED Certified – Specify level.
- Rechargeable batteries are used.
- Energy Star rated products are purchased.
- Low Impact Development Building e.g., roof garden, solar panels, white roof.

Water Conservation

- Water leaks are repaired as soon as detected.
- Low Impact Development Landscaping e.g., grassy swale, drought resistant plants, pervious surface, etc.
- EPA WaterSense/WasteWise participant
- Low-flow toilets are installed.

Environmental Best Practices

- Environmentally preferable cleaning products are used.
- Contracted services specify use of the least toxic products available.
- Employees observe a “no grease down the drain” policy.
- Equipment is repaired vs. replaced.
- Kitchen supplies are reusable or compostable.
- Storm drains are stenciled with a message i.e., “Dump no waste, drains to aquifer & river.”
- Participate in or sponsor neighborhood clean-up, or other projects in the community to encourage environmental stewardship.

Public Recognition

Public Recognition is provided for businesses that complete 1) the EnviroCertified on-site analysis and evaluation of waste management and 2) verify conservation of resources and environmental best practices. Businesses receive:

- A framed EnviroCertified recognition certificate for public display.
- Public recognition and advertising on the EnviroCertified website and through social media.
- Advertising and promotion through the use of EnviroCertified provided materials such as: decals, bookmarks, magnets, and brochures.
- Permission to use the EnviroCertified logo in business generated advertising materials, website, and social media.

