

# Climate Wise Partner Levels At a Glance

*As approved by the Climate Wise Partner Advisory Committee*

*This is a dynamic document.* Climate Wise staff realizes that programs and company policies change over time, and will make reasonable accommodations to support the diverse group of Climate Wise businesses and organizations throughout the years.

Detailed descriptions are available on <i>myClimateWise</i>	Bronze**	Silver	Gold***	Platinum***	Your Progress
1. Sign partnership agreement.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2. Report data annually, using <i>myClimateWise</i> .	annually	annually	annually	annually	
3. Post or circulate Climate Wise information to your employees, and share your Climate Wise activity with other partners and the community. (ongoing, as requested).	annually	annually	annually	annually	
4. Notify customers of Climate Wise participation by placing your Climate Wise plaque in your lobby and the Climate Wise logo in your window. (ongoing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5. Attend the <b>required number of</b> climate related meetings or seminars*. Qualifying events include Climate Wise partner meetings, Environmental Business Program Series, Fort Collins Utilities workshops, Green Build Conference, and others. (annually) <b>At least one of the events should be a Climate Wise partner meeting.</b>	2 meetings required annually	2 meetings required annually	3 meetings required annually	3 meetings required annually	
6. Complete site assessment with Climate Wise staff <b>OR</b> share results of self-assessment tool with Climate Wise staff. (once)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7. Send a representative to a Climate Wise Orientation. (once, unless Climate Wise representative changes)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8. Implement at least one climate related measure. Use <i>myClimateWise</i> to report the data of your measure(s) to Climate Wise by March 1 of the following year.		annually	annually	annually	
9. Complete the Climate Wise Greenhouse Gas (GHG) baseline tool for your business operations.			annually	annually	
10. Create and share a GHG reduction goal, indicate strategies and measures planned to achieve your goal. Staff will assist you and check on plans annually.			annually	annually	
11. Participate in and implement at least one measure through a City of Fort Collins or Utility program that has a climate benefit. Examples include <a href="#">Fort Collins Utilities programs</a> , XCEL programs, Transfort's PassFort program and <a href="#">Bike to Work Day</a> breakfast station. (once)			✓	✓	
12. Serve on a Climate Wise Advisory Subcommittee for one year, <b>OR</b> mentor a Climate Wise partner (after your business achieves the Bronze/Silver level)			✓	✓	
13. Submit a qualitative summary of activities for the EnvirOvation annual Climate Wise recognition event. (annually)				annually	
14. Demonstrate and maintain: Climate neutral status for your operation (purchasing offsets), <b>OR</b> participate in a voluntary carbon trading program or registry (Examples: Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), California Climate Action Registry) <b>OR</b> develop, and share with staff, a management system with climate focus (ISO 14001, ISO 14064, Sustainability Management System) <b>OR</b> earn the ENERGY STAR label for your facility or part of your facility <b>OR</b> earn a LEED™ certification for your facility or part of your facility. (once) <b>OR</b> implement an innovative program or initiative with significant climate benefits (requires prior Partner Advisory Committee approval)				✓	
15. Participate in the Climate Wise Challenge Program. Implement 2 employee challenges per year to educate and encourage employees to help your organization move forward on GHG reduction goals and conservation efforts. For smaller organizations, you may substitute customer education. Complete a challenge form on myCW for each challenge implemented.				annually	

*Notes:* \*Any employee or representative may attend meetings—levels do not only apply to just one company representative.

\*\*Partners have two years from achieving Bronze level to move to Silver level before dropping to inactive status.

\*\*\*Gold and Platinum level partners are expected to host a partner meeting upon request.

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