

ClimateWise Partner Levels At a Glance

As approved by the ClimateWise Partner Advisory Committee

This is a dynamic document. ClimateWise staff realizes that programs and company policies change over time and will make reasonable accommodations to support the diverse group of ClimateWise 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 ClimateWise information to your employees, and share your ClimateWise activity with other partners and the community. (ongoing, as requested). | annually | annually | annually | annually | |
| 4. Notify customers of ClimateWise participation by placing your ClimateWise plaque in your lobby and the ClimateWise logo in your window. (ongoing) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 5. Attend the required number of climate related meetings or seminars*. Qualifying events include ClimateWise partner meetings, Environmental Business Program Series, Fort Collins Utilities workshops, Green Build Conference, and others. (annually) At least one of the events should be a ClimateWise partner meeting. | 2 meetings required annually | 2 meetings required annually | 3 meetings required annually | 3 meetings required annually | |
| 6. Complete site assessment with ClimateWise staff OR share results of self-assessment tool with ClimateWise staff. (once) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 7. Send a representative to a ClimateWise Orientation. (once, unless ClimateWise representative changes) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 8. Implement at least one climate related measure. Use <i>myClimateWise</i> to report the data of your measure(s) to ClimateWise by March 1 of the following year. | | annually | annually | annually | |
| 9. Complete the ClimateWise 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 Fort Collins Utilities programs, XCEL programs, Transfort's PassFort program and Bike to Work Day breakfast station. (once) | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 12. Serve on a ClimateWise Advisory Subcommittee for one year, OR mentor a ClimateWise partner (after your business achieves the Bronze/Silver level) | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 13. Submit a qualitative summary of activities for the EnvirOvation annual ClimateWise recognition event. (annually) | | | | annually | |
| 14. Demonstrate and maintain: Climate neutral status for your operation (purchasing offsets), OR participate in a voluntary carbon trading program or registry (Examples: Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), California Climate Action Registry) OR develop, and share with staff, a management system with climate focus (ISO 14001, ISO 14064, Sustainability Management System) OR earn the ENERGY STAR label for your facility or part of your facility OR earn a LEED™ certification for your facility or part of your facility. (once) OR implement an innovative program or initiative with significant climate benefits (requires prior Partner Advisory Committee approval) | | | | ✓ | |
| 15. Participate in the ClimateWise 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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