

Morongo Green Enterprise Program

Protecting the air, earth and
water.



Puhcha' shrevet, tirvac
ame paac.

in the Serrano language

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For thousands of years, the Native American people of Southern California drew on their understanding of the natural world to thrive. Yet, the people understood they were connected to an interacting, natural system and they had an obligation to the rest of the universe's creatures. This rich knowledge of how nature works and how to use resources without depleting them was a result of intense observation, patience, and a sense of kinship with the natural environment.

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A SOVEREIGN NATION

Today, the Morongo tradition continues through the *Morongo Green Enterprise Program*. This program demonstrates the Tribe's commitment to go beyond federal environmental compliance by seeking out ways to prevent pollution at

its source, close waste loops, and maximize conservation opportunities.

This program encourages enterprises to take a proactive approach to environmental change and recognizes them as environmental leaders in the Tribal and surrounding communities with the Morongo Green Enterprise Certification.



Morongo Green Enterprise certification seal

"Great respect was given and prayer was offered when medicines and foods were harvested. To take too much could lead to the depletion of a source; so much care was taken to ensure that these plants would be available for future use. Today, the struggle for a respectful coexistence continues. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that the gifts we enjoy in our everyday lives are not taken in excess. To lessen our impact on the land is to show respect for our home. This program speaks to that."

Michael Contreras Jr.
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Cultural Heritage Program Coordinator

*Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Environmental Protection Department*

Why be Green?

- ♻️ Going green saves you money
- ♻️ Environmentally responsible businesses are efficient businesses
- ♻️ Reduce waste and utility costs
- ♻️ Create a positive, safe working environment
- ♻️ Improve your business' image
- ♻️ Become recognized as an environmental leader

What is a Green Enterprise?

A Morongo Green Enterprise goes beyond federal environmental compliance and meets the Morongo Environmental Protection Department's Green Enterprise conservation standards in the following areas:

- ♻️ Solid Waste Reduction
- ♻️ Energy Conservation
- ♻️ Water Conservation
- ♻️ Pollution Prevention
- ♻️ Environmentally Preferred Purchasing

Benefits of Participating

- ♻️ Ongoing assistance with conservation efforts
- ♻️ Easy, cost effective greening plan
- ♻️ Certificate of Completion suitable for framing and display
- ♻️ Morongo Green Enterprise decal to prominently display in your window

Becoming a Green Enterprise

1. Demonstrate federal environmental compliance through the Morongo Environmental Protection Department's Compliance Assistance Program
2. Fill out an application and commit to greening your enterprise
3. Devise a custom greening plan with the Environmental Protection staff
4. Put your personalized Morongo Green Enterprise plan into action with the assistance of the Environmental Protection staff
5. Receive your Morongo Green Enterprise Certification
6. Continue your greening efforts and you will be re-certified annually.

The Morongo Environmental Protection Department will be available for ongoing support and assistance for all enterprises enrolled in the Morongo Green Enterprise program.



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Environmental Protection Department*

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Application and Program Agreement

Please complete the following and fax to the Morongo Environmental Protection Department at (951) 755-5299

Enterprise Name: _____

Contact: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In order to be a certified Morongo Green Enterprise, you must:

- ♻️ Demonstrate federal environmental compliance
- ♻️ Implement all Green Practices from each of the five Conservation Areas
- ♻️ Allow site visits and compliance verification visits by the Morongo Environmental Protection Department staff
- ♻️ Pledge to continue these efforts to prevent pollution and conserve resources by making Green Practices the standard way for running your Enterprise!

Morongo Green Enterprises must continue to meet the program requirements in order to maintain their Morongo Green Enterprise Certification. Annual monitoring will be conducted by the Environmental Protection Department staff to ensure enterprises have continued to meet the terms of the program.

By signing this form, you pledge to green your enterprise to the best of your ability, following the Morongo Green Enterprise Program.

Sign _____ Date _____