

GREEN KITCHEN STANDARD



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The Green Kitchen Standard from Soil Association Certification and the Carbon Trust provides the standard for best practice in environmental management in a catering outlet.

Soil Association Certification and Carbon Trust have joined forces to provide you with a brand new certification for responsible environmental management. The new Green Kitchen Standard is a trusted third party verification which can help you bolster your sustainability credentials, improve energy, water and waste efficiency and provide a clear point of difference to set your service apart from the rest.

If combined with the Soil Association's Food for Life Served Here Award, the standard will allow you to demonstrate the quality of the food you serve, as well as the integrity of your environmental management.

“This partnership between Soil Association Certification and the Carbon Trust is an exciting opportunity to inspire businesses and caterers to improve their environmental performance.”

Dr Peter Bonfield - OBE, Non-Exec Director Defra Chairman:
Plan for Public Procurement: Food & Catering Initiative



Certification offers real advantages

Enhancing reputation

- Provides comprehensive and credible reassurance to customers, staff and stakeholders
- Demonstrates a commitment to sustainable catering across a wide set of criteria

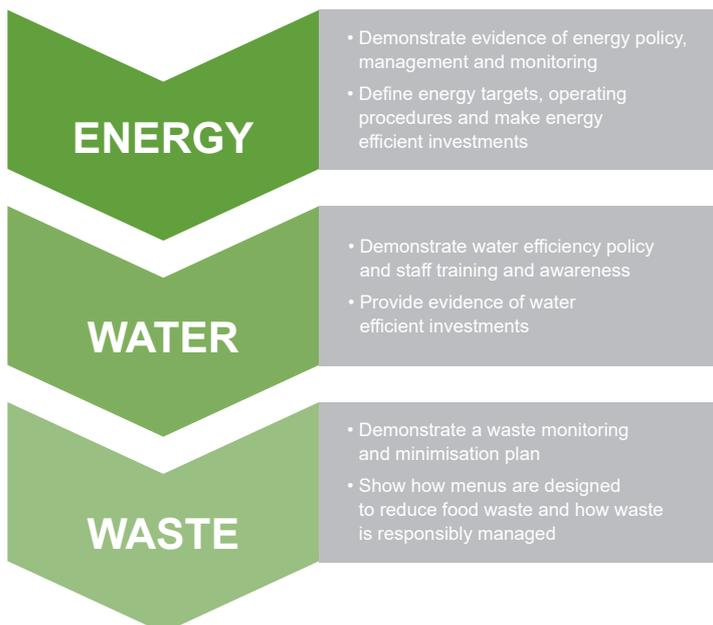
Delivering efficiencies

- Provides critical input to evaluating current operational and environmental practices
- Helps identify opportunities to improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs

Facilitating compliance

- Supports compliance with procurement requirements and helps in tendering for new and existing contracts
- Offers an independent verification standard that aligns with Defra's Balanced Scorecard

Certification - a journey to reduction



“Over 8 billion meals a year are served in the UK across 260,000 sites. Even small improvements in the environmental impact of each meal served can add up to a huge total. Fortunately, in many cases, large improvements are possible - for example: Carbon Trust analysis suggests that many caterers could achieve reductions of around 30% in energy costs, equivalent to an annual saving of £250 million.

Catering as a sector has the opportunity and capability to drive significant positive change in the health and sustainability of our diets.”

Darran Messem - Managing Director of Certification, Carbon Trust

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