

Environmental Sustainability Self-Assessment *for ISKCON Temples and Communities*

Date

Region *

Country

City

Name of person filling out the form

Have a close look at your temple, community and/or private households and self-assess your environmental sustainability.

Circle "0" if the measures are not at all in place.



Circle "5" if the measures are fully in place.

Circle in-between according to the degree the measures are in place.

If you have already implemented most of the measures in TIER 1, please continue to assess the TIER 2 and TIER 3 measures.

* **Available Regions:** Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, India, North America, South America, Russian Speaking regions, Other.



Food	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  Not at all  Fully in Place </div>					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
We efficiently use food via smart purchasing, inventory control & storage	0	1	2	3	4	5
We prioritize buying local, organic, non-GMO foods	0	1	2	3	4	5
We distribute 'leftover' food according to local health guidelines to the needy	0	1	2	3	4	5
We distribute raw food waste to animals according to health guidelines	0	1	2	3	4	5
We compost other food waste instead of entering landfill	0	1	2	3	4	5
Energy						
We perform energy audit of existing buildings with help of local agencies	0	1	2	3	4	5
We switch to CFL or LED lights, put lights and machines on timers or motion sensors, or turn off when not in use	0	1	2	3	4	5
We have installed smart thermostats	0	1	2	3	4	5
We minimize dryer use and utilize wind and sunlight	0	1	2	3	4	5
We promote fuel-free transportation such as walking and biking	0	1	2	3	4	5
We use public transportation whenever feasible; carpool, combine shopping trips	0	1	2	3	4	5

Waste Management

We develop a waste management plan	0	1	2	3	4	5
We purchase only compostable (at least biodegradable) plates, cups, cutlery, etc.	0	1	2	3	4	5
We segregate compostable/ biodegradable waste and work with composting	0	1	2	3	4	5
We segregate and process recyclables	0	1	2	3	4	5
We minimize use of non-recyclables especially plastic bags, bottles and Styrofoam	0	1	2	3	4	5

Water

We reduce use of water in kitchen, bathroom and landscaping	0	1	2	3	4	5
We install water efficient faucets, faucet adapters, toilets, washing machines, etc.	0	1	2	3	4	5
We use only eco-friendly cleaning, landscaping and gardening products	0	1	2	3	4	5

Education, Outreach and Culture

We identify a Local Green Team Coordinator for our temple/ community	0	1	2	3	4	5
We put signage around the temple pointing to sustainability efforts	0	1	2	3	4	5
We regularly teach how Srila Prabhupada's formula of "simple living and high thinking" aligns with environmental sustainability	0	1	2	3	4	5

We promote awareness of the Vaishnava principle that the Earth is the Lord's sacred energy and should be treated with respect and care

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TIER 2



Food	 Not at all				 Fully in Place		
We grow vegetables and flowers in temple garden	0	1	2	3	4	5	
We buy produce from local farmers	0	1	2	3	4	5	
We prioritise use of seasonal, local, organic, non-GMO food in temple kitchen	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Energy							
	We choose Energy Star-certified appliances including water heaters, washing machines, etc.	0	1	2	3	4	5
	We switch to smart energy metering	0	1	2	3	4	5
	We purchase only hybrid or electric vehicles	0	1	2	3	4	5
	We improve efficiency of all buildings with double or triple pane windows, shading, insulation, etc.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Waste Management							
	We encourage devotees to use their own plates, water bottles and containers at the temple	0	1	2	3	4	5

We compost all food waste for organic garden or sell compost to local community	0	1	2	3	4	5
We purchase food in bulk or with minimum packaging	0	1	2	3	4	5



Water

We install waterless urinals	0	1	2	3	4	5
We use timers for water faucets and sprinklers	0	1	2	3	4	5
We landscape using water efficient plants and local flora	0	1	2	3	4	5
We create Swales to capture runoff, especially around paved areas	0	1	2	3	4	5

Education, Outreach and Culture

We integrate temple sustainability initiatives with congregational programs	0	1	2	3	4	5
We network with local environmental organizations	0	1	2	3	4	5
We arrange systematic environmental training for children and adults	0	1	2	3	4	5
We create projects involving children, such as children's garden	0	1	2	3	4	5



Food	 Not at all					 Fully in Place
We use milk only from temple cows or other protected cows	0	1	2	3	4	5
We encourage devotees to grow food at home for home usage and for offering to the Lord	0	1	2	3	4	5
Energy						
We install solar panels or change to a renewable provider	0	1	2	3	4	5
We maintain energy efficiency of existing buildings through upgrades and Energy Star or other certification	0	1	2	3	4	5
We plan for energy efficiency and LEED certification where applicable, in the construction of all new buildings	0	1	2	3	4	5
Waste Management						
We use only steel plates or banana leaves for serving food	0	1	2	3	4	5
We use methane gas digester to generate bioenergy from organic food waste	0	1	2	3	4	5
Water						
We employ rain water harvesting where permissible	0	1	2	3	4	5
We install systems for grey water reuse	0	1	2	3	4	5

We use groundwater for non-potable usage, where permissible	0	1	2	3	4	5
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Education, Outreach and Culture

We collaborate with local colleges, universities and government agencies to develop demonstration projects	0	1	2	3	4	5
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