



The GreenChill Store Certification Program: An Overview for Prospective Stores

What is GreenChill?

EPA's GreenChill is a voluntary partnership with the food retail industry to reduce refrigerant emissions and decrease their impact on the [ozone layer](#) and climate system. GreenChill has three primary programs:

1. [Store Certification Program](#): Recognizes individual stores for using environmentally friendlier commercial refrigeration systems.
2. [Corporate Emissions Reduction Program \(the "Partnership"\)](#): Partners with food retailers, refrigeration system manufacturers, and chemical producers to reduce refrigerant emissions. *This Program is distinct from the Store Certification Program and is not addressed in this document. While many GreenChill Partners participate in the Store Certification program, it is not necessary to be a Partner to certify a store.*
3. [Advanced Refrigeration Promotion Program](#): Promotes advanced refrigeration technologies, strategies, and practices through social media, webinars, and guidelines.

Who can participate in the Store Certification Program?

Individual stores can earn GreenChill's Platinum-, Gold-, or Silver- Level Certification by achieving specific environmental performance criteria that go above and beyond federal requirements, including by using less refrigerant and minimizing refrigerant leaks. Any food retail store (e.g., supermarkets, grocery stores, co-ops, supercenters, and wholesale clubs) in the United States can apply for GreenChill store certification whether the store is in the design phase, newly constructed, fully operational, or being remodeled.



Why should my company certify stores?

There are many benefits to joining and participating in the GreenChill Partnership, including:

- **Protect the Environment, Save Money.** A typical food retail store's refrigeration system leaks about one quarter of its refrigerant charge each year which can create a financial impact for a store's bottom line, contribute to climate change, and harm the ozone layer. GreenChill certified stores go above and beyond federal requirements to address these environmental concerns and have generated significant environmental benefits.
- **Earn Publicity.** GreenChill recognizes certified stores during an annual [recognition event](#), shares information on certified stores on the GreenChill website and social media platforms, and provides materials to help stores promote their environmental achievements.
- **Demonstrate Sustainability.** Today's customers want to do business with stores that share their values. Achieving GreenChill Platinum-, Gold-, or Silver- Level Certification for your store provides recognition of your company's leadership in and commitment to environmental protection.



How can my company certify stores*?

To apply for certification, a store must complete a short application about the type of refrigerants used in the store, refrigerant emissions, and refrigerant charge. There is no fee to apply for GreenChill certification. Details on the application process and certification requirements can be found on the [GreenChill website](#).

Where can I find additional information?

For more information about the GreenChill Store Certification Program visit the [GreenChill website](#) or contact the GreenChill program at GreenChill@epa.gov.

* GreenChill reserves the right to verify the information submitted by a store for certification, including, but not limited to, inspection of the store, requesting third party certification, and/or requesting copies of store records related to the certification criteria. In addition, GreenChill reserves the right to deny store certification based on a company's Clean Air Act Title VI enforcement issues.