



Rye Brook Green Star Business Program

The Village of Rye Brook wants to recognize local businesses that are going **green** through our new **Green Star Business Program**! Participating businesses will receive a **Green Star** window decal (shown bottom right) and be featured on the Village's website and social media!

Does your business qualify to receive recognition as a Rye Brook Green Star Business? It's easier than you think. Read our **Green Star Business Guidelines** below:

1) Business must comply with all New York State and Rye Brook **green** legislation including:

- No single-use plastic bags as defined by New York State
- Charging a \$0.10 fee for paper carryout bags
- No Styrofoam cups, cutlery, packaging as described in the Village Code
- Straws kept behind the counter; available only upon request

2) Businesses must comply with Westchester County Source-Separation Laws which require recycling of all paper/cardboard and commingled plastic, glass, metal and carton items. When applicable, business must supply patrons with recycling receptacles in-store, provide appropriate signage to inform patrons how to use it, and ensure these items are recycled appropriately.

3) Train employees on **green** legislation and environmentally-friendly sales techniques including:

- Asking patrons if they need a bag/straw rather than giving them one

4) Educate patrons on local laws affecting the business through in-store signs or other information.

5) Provide a bi-annual report showing actuals (or estimates if actuals unavailable) of the following:

- Number of plastic bags used
- Number of paper bags used
- Number of plastic or paper straws used
- Any other information on impacts of legislation the business would like to share

This report should be submitted January 15th and July 15th of each year to Alexandra Marshall at amarshall@ryebrook.org. If you're not sure how to quantify this information, we recommend looking at your purchase history. If you have any questions, call (914)939-0077 or email amarshall@ryebrook.org

6) Use energy efficient interior and/or exterior lighting e.g. LED's, motion-sensor or timed lights.

How do I sign up? Fill out the form on the back of this letter and return to amarshall@ryebrook.org or mail it to Alexandra Marshall at: 938 King Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573





Business Name:

Address:

Phone:

Does your business provide carryout-bags to customers? If so, what material are the bags made of?

Describe what material of cutlery/plates/straws/takeout containers are provided to customers (food establishments only)

Do you train employees on **green** legislation and practices? If so how often and please provide an example:

Does your business have any signage or information for customers to learn about green initiatives?

Does your business use energy efficient lighting? Yes No If yes, please describe.

Please provide actual or estimated on the following if available/applicable:

Period	# of Plastic Bags Used	# of Paper Bags Used	# of Plastic Straws Used
Jan.-Jun. 2018			
Jul.-Dec. 2018			
Jan.-Jun. 2019			
Jul.-Dec. 2019			

Does your business supply recycling receptacles for customers? Yes No

Please provide any additional information you wish to share:

Store Representative (Print Name): _____ Date: _____

Store Representative (Signature): _____

Title: _____ Email: _____