

UNBC Green Residence Program

Thank you for participating in the Green Residence Certification Program and committing to green and sustainable living.

With your help, we can reduce UNBC's energy and resource use and associated environmental impacts, while promoting a healthier living and learning environment on campus.

The UNBC Green Centre will recognize your efforts and commitments by rewarding participating suites with a certificate indicating your level of certification, and acknowledging each certified suite on the UNBC Green website and twitter page. There will also be prizes awarded at the end of each semester!

Tweet us @GreenUNBC
www.unbc.ca/green/green-residences

Green Residence Certification Contact Information

Please complete the following contact information and checklist, and submit to the Green Centre or energy@unbc.ca.

Residence Building: _____
Suite Number: _____
Suite Contact Name: _____
Suite Contact Email: _____
Number of Roommates: _____
Number of Participants: _____
Date: _____

Participants:



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(Names)

(Signatures)

How to Get Certified

- 1. Commit as a suite to pursue the Green Residence Certification.** Not all of your roommates need to participate, however, you will earn more points for each participant.
- 2. Designate a primary contact for your suite,** who will be the liaison between your suite and the Green Centre during the Certification process.
- 3. Register for the Green Residence Certification Program** by emailing energy@unbc.ca with your building, suite number, names of your participating roommates, and a fun group photo we can put on social media. Pick up a copy of the Green Residence Certification Checklist at the Green Centre, or download a copy at www.unbc.ca/green/green-residences.
- 4. Complete the Green Residence Certification Checklist** provided after registration. Initial the box beside each action that you do and sign the first page of the checklist package. Have each of your participating roommates initial their actions and sign the first page. You can always reapply later in the year to improve your certification level for actions that you have not yet completed.
- 5. Drop off your completed checklist to the Green Centre** or submit it electronically by emailing to energy@unbc.ca.
- 6.** To improve your Certification level, you can update and resubmit a checklist each semester.

Levels of Certification

Up to 1 point will be awarded for each action completed, and will be scaled based on how many of your roommates have completed that item. For example, if 3 roommates out of 4 complete an action, your suite will receive 0.75 points for that action. If everyone completes a given action, your suite will receive 1 point for that action.

Certifications will be awarded based on the total number of points earned by your suite.

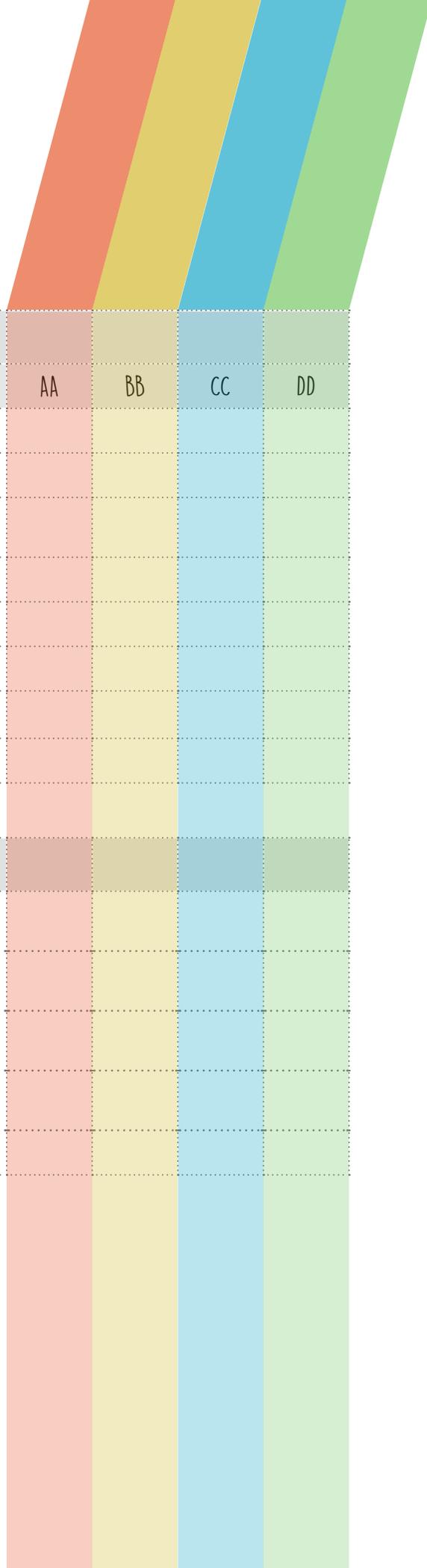
Bronze Certified – 25% (15 points)
Silver Certified – 50% (30 points)
Gold Certified – 75% (45 points)
Green Certified – 100% (61 points)



Prizes

For deadlines and prize information, check www.unbc.ca/green/green-residences

Green Residence Certification Checklist



Electronic Devices

Example action *Write your initials in the box for each action that you do >>*

- We have set the power settings on our computers to energy saving settings.
- We have lowered the brightness on our computer screens.
- We turn off our computers/monitors if we are going to be away for more than 30 minutes.
- We set our monitors to go to sleep instead of using screen savers.
- We use a power strip or unplug our computer when not in use.
- We charge our cell phones and tablets only when they need to be charged
- We unplug chargers when they are not in use
- We print using the campus printers instead of using a personal printer

Lights

- All lights in common areas are turned off when not in use (e.g. kitchen, living room, and bathroom).
- We do not turn on our lights during the day if there is enough natural light from outside.
- We turn off our individual room lights when we are leaving for more than 10 minutes.
- If we notice lights on in unoccupied spaces in Residence or on campus (common areas, laundry rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, etc.), we turn them off.
- If we are the last to leave a classroom, we turn off the lights.





Temperature

We know how to operate our suite and room thermostats.

We set our room thermostats to lower than 22 C.

When we leave our rooms for over an hour, we turn down the thermostat by at least 4 C.

When we go to sleep, we turn down our room thermostat by at least 4 C.

We set our common area thermostats lower than 20 C, and turn down the thermostat at night and when unoccupied.

During cold weather, we close the blinds at night to help retain heat.

We do not use personal heaters.

During cold weather, we keep all windows closed tightly.

We dress warmly and use blankets before turning up the thermostat.

Water

We have picked up a shower timer from the Green Centre and have put it up visibly in the shower.

We use the shower timer to ensure our showers last no longer than 5 minutes.

We turn off the tap while brushing our teeth or doing any personal grooming.

We conserve water when doing the dishes, and do not let the tap run.

If the toilet is running (even after jiggling the handle), we will put in a maintenance request (<http://www.unbc.ca/housing/residence-maintenance-request>) for Facilities to repair it.

If we notice a water leak, we will put in a maintenance request immediately to have it fixed.

We wash our clothing in cold water with cold water detergent.

When using small amounts of water, we use cold water.



Appliances

Our fridge is set to a medium setting (3 C is ideal).

We cover or wrap food and liquids in the fridge to avoid moisture loss and conserve energy.

We cover pots of water when bringing them to a boil.

We match the size of the pan to the heating element on the stove.

When using our kettle, we only boil as much water as we need.

We keep the range-top burners on our stove clean (to help reflect heat better)

We use a toaster or microwave instead of the oven for small meals.

We preheat the oven only when we are prepared to use it.

Microwaves, coffee makers, and other small appliances are unplugged when not in use or are programmed to shut off using a timer.

We air-dry our hair.

We minimize use of hair dryers and styling tools and unplug them when not in use.

Other

We use the stairs instead of the elevator.

Transportation

When leaving campus we use public transportation, cycle or walk.

To reduce the number of car trips to and from campus we carpool or plan large shopping trips together and in advance.



Waste Reduction and Diversion

We use the recycling bags located in our suite.

If we think something may be recyclable, but don't know where to recycle it, we ask the Green RA or someone in the Green Centre.

We know where to empty our recycling bags.

We use reusable dishes and cutlery.

We use reusable mugs when purchasing hot beverages on campus.

We use rags or cloths in our suite instead of paper towel.

We use reusable bags when shopping.

To save paper, we avoid unnecessary printing. If we do print we print double-sided.

We reuse single-sided printed paper, and keep a pile as scrap paper.

We bring used batteries to the recycling bin outside of the Green Centre.

Engagement

We participated in one or more events on campus related to sustainability (ie. Bioenergy Day, Green Day, Sweater Day, Earth Hour).

At least one of us is a member of a UNBC sustainability committee (ie. Students for a Green University, Green Team, Green University Planning Committee).

We have contacted the Green Centre with sustainability-related ideas for the Residences and/or campus.

We have suggested to the Green Centre something that should be added to the Green Residence Certification check-list.

We have toured the Bioenergy Plant, or have scheduled a tour for our suite through the Green Centre.

We encouraged another suite (# ____) to pursue the Green Residence Certification.

We encourage our friends and peers to act sustainably by:

A.

B.

C.