



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESS CHECKLIST**

**The Franklin County Community Development Corporation is committed to nurturing sustainable businesses that support our local living economy. This checklist asks questions about impacts on key environmental and social concerns.**

**What impacts on the environment and society relate to my business?**

**What is my level of concern for the social and environmental impacts of my business?**

**What am I currently doing or can I start doing to use materials and services from locally-owned businesses and or local, renewable materials?**

**What am I currently doing or can I start doing to use partnerships with local non-profits, schools, business schools, strengthening community ties?**

**What am I currently doing or can I start doing to incorporate telecommuting, hybrid or bio-fueled vehicles, increased use of local materials, carpooling, and shared delivery services in my business?**

**What am I currently doing or can I start doing to use green power purchasing, bio-fuels, energy efficient equipment, and light bulbs?**

**What am I currently using or can I start doing to use biodegradable, non-toxic, no/low volatility materials in my business?**

**What am I currently doing or can I start doing to conserve and re-use water and to use non-toxic cleaning supplies and methods?**

*"It's more fun, energizing and profitable to grow a business that truly reflects how strongly we all care about the place we call home, the people, natural resources and communities of Franklin County. What's more, it helps you distinguish yourself from the competition. I urge you to take advantage of FCCDC's expertise in sustainable business practices."*

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