



**Water Conservation Plan**  
**Questions for Cambridge Compact for a Sustainable Future Members**

In developing a Water Conservation Plan for the City, the Water Department would like to understand the current level of water use and water use efficiency among City residents and businesses. Your input and professional judgement is a vital component of this process. Please provide your best professional assessment whenever possible. If exact numbers or percentages are not readily available, please provide high-level estimates that can provide an overall sense of the extent of water use efficiency in your facilities.

Members of the Cambridge Compact for a Sustainable Future (the Compact) include some of the City's largest employers and largest water users, and include universities, property management companies, and research facilities. ***Some of the following questions are applicable to all Compact members, while other questions may be applicable to only certain types of facilities.***

- 1. Is Water Conservation a component of your facility planning? This refers to water efficiency upgrades (i.e., low flow toilets, showerheads, faucets, water-saving dishwashers, washer machines, etc.)**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please briefly describe the plans. \_\_\_\_\_

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If no, would you be willing to incorporate water conservation into future facility planning efforts whether during renovations or implementation of plumbing fixture upgrades?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- 2. Is there someone in your organization/company responsible for monitoring water use?**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please briefly describe the position. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Have water efficiency upgrades already been incorporated into your facility?**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, has this been accomplished as part of a facility renovation or as part of a focused water conservation implementation effort? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_



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If yes, please describe briefly \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate the focus of the upgrades and year of the most recent upgrade.

Toilets \_\_\_\_\_

Urinals \_\_\_\_\_

Faucets \_\_\_\_\_

Showers \_\_\_\_\_

Clothes washers \_\_\_\_\_

Ice machines or chillers \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen or Food Service \_\_\_\_\_

Cooling tower \_\_\_\_\_

Landscape and irrigation \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Have you obtained LEED credits in the “Water Efficiency” category for any of your facility upgrades or new construction?**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please briefly describe. \_\_\_\_\_

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If no, is this something you would consider in the future during renovations or new construction?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_



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**5. For property managers of multiple residential units:**

- a. Are residents provided a copy of a water bill or indication of their water use?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- b. As property manager:

Do you have the legal authority to change out fixtures? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you require permission of the resident? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is it the resident's responsibility? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- c. What is the degree of cooperation of residents on such matters?

In favor	Acceptable	Neutral	Not Acceptable	Opposed

**6. For property managers of facilities including universities with commercial kitchens and food service:**

- a. Is the kitchen and food service provided by a third party?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- b. As property manager:

Do you have the legal authority to change out fixtures? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you require permission of the third party? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is it the third party's responsibility? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

- c. What is the degree of cooperation on such matters?

In favor	Acceptable	Neutral	Not Acceptable	Opposed

**7. Do you provide Water Conservation education for your residents/employees?**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please briefly describe (i.e., flyers, notices, emails, posters, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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If no, would you be willing to incorporate Water Conservation education into your business practices? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_



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The U.S. Green Building Council LEED certification program includes components for water efficiency. The required elements are permanent metering, a 20 percent reduction in indoor water use from a baseline, and a 30 percent reduction in the landscape water requirement or not having a permanent irrigation system. In addition, buildings with cooling towers must have a make-up water meter, conductivity controller with overflow sensor, and drift eliminators.

Additional points can be acquired by submetering irrigation systems, plumbing fixtures, hot water heaters, boilers and other process use; achieving from 25 to 50 percent reduction in indoor use; achieving a 50 percent reduction in irrigation water use, or eliminating landscape irrigation; and maximizing cooling tower operations to either the estimated maximum cycles of concentration or achieving 10 cycles of concentration.

- 8. As a property owner, how receptive would you be to a city ordinance requiring the minimum LEED requirement for water efficiency for all new construction and renovations?**

In favor	Acceptable	Neutral	Not Acceptable	Opposed

- 9. What incentives could the city offer to promote adoption of LEED required level of water efficiency?**

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- 10. As a property owner, how receptive would you be to a 50 percent cost-sharing program for installing the minimum LEED requirement for water efficiency for renovations?**

In favor	Acceptable	Neutral	Not Acceptable	Opposed

- 11. As a property owner, how receptive would you be to a “Facility Manager’s Workshop” to review finding and fixing leaks, installing water efficiency features, and discussing potential savings and available rebates?**

In favor	Acceptable	Neutral	Not Acceptable	Opposed





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Please respond to the following questions for your building type(s). If exact numbers or percentages are not readily available, please provide high-level estimates that provide an overall sense of the extent of water use efficiency in your facilities.

**13. To what extent do your buildings meet the LEED criteria for water efficiency?**

	% Not LEED	% Meet LEED Requirement	% Meet LEED Requirement plus additional points
Housing			
Dormitories			
Colleges & Universities			
Research Laboratories			
Hotels			
Restaurants			
Offices			
Other Businesses			

**14. Toilets** – approximate % of toilets with the following flush volumes in your facilities

Toilets	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
3.5 gallons per flush (1978-1994)						
1.6 gpf (since 1994)						
1.28 gpf WaterSense						
Dual-flush WaterSense						

The EPA WaterSense program maintains a list of water efficient fixtures. <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>



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**15. Urinals** – approximate % of urinals with the following flush volumes in your facilities

Urinals	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
3.5 gallons per flush						
2.0 gpf						
1.0 gpf (since 1996)						
0.5 gpf or less WaterSense						
Non-water using						

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**16. Faucets** – approximate % of faucets with the following flow rates in your facilities

Faucets*	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
3.0 gallons per minute						
2.5 gpm (since 1994)						
2.0 to 2.2 gpm						
1.5 gpm WaterSense						
1.0 gpm WaterSense						
0.5 gpm WaterSense						
<b>Metered (Sensor) Faucets</b>						
2.0 to 2.5 gpm						
1.5 gpm (0.25 gal/cycle) (since 1994)						
1.0 gpm						
0.5 gpm WaterSense						

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**17. Showers** – approximate % of showers with the following flow rates in your facilities

Showerheads	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
3.0 gallons per minute						
2.5 gpm (since 1994)						
2.0 gpm WaterSense						
2.25 gpm WaterSense						
1.75 gpm WaterSense						
1.5 gpm WaterSense						

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**18. Clothes Washers** – approximate % of clothes washers by type in your facilities

Clothes Washers	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
<b>Residential-type Clothes Washers</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Older Top-loaders 12+ WF						
High Efficiency Front-loaders:						
9.5 WF (since 2011)						
6.0 WF						
4.7 WF (since 2015)						
4.0 or less WF						
<b>Commercial Clothes Washers</b>						
Conventional commercial washer (20 lb)						
Multi-load washers (80 lb)						
Washer Extractors (800 lb)						
Tunnel Washers (2,000 lb)						
Ozone System						





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**19. Ice Machines** – approximate % of ice machines by type in your facilities

Ice Machines	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Single-pass water-cooled						
Closed-loop water-cooled						
Air-cooled						

**20. Chillers & Refrigeration Units** (other than kitchens and ice machines) – approximate % of chiller equipment by type in your facilities

Chillers	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Single-pass cooling						
Closed-loop cooling						
Air-cooled						



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**21. Commercial Kitchens** – approximate % of kitchen equipment by type in your facilities

Commercial Kitchen	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants
<b>Combination ovens</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boiler-based					
Connectionless					
<b>Steam cookers</b>					
Boiler-based					
Connectionless					
<b>Steam kettles</b>					
Boiler-based					
Self-contained					
<b>Wok stoves</b>					
Water-cooled					
Waterless					
<b>Dipper wells</b>					
Single-pass					
Single-pass with flow-restrictor					
Metered use as needed					
<b>Food disposal with sluice trough</b>					
Single-pass					
Recirculating					
Recirculating with load sensor					
<b>Pre-rinse spray valves</b>					
3.0 gpm or more					
1.6 gpm WaterSense (since 2005)					
1.28 gpm WaterSense					
0.65 gpm WaterSense					
<b>Commercial dishwashers</b>					
Older model					
Energy Star					
Energy Star with rack sensor					
<b>Refrigeration systems</b>					
Single-pass cooling					
Closed-loop cooling					
Air-cooled					



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**22. Cooling Towers** – approximate number of cooling towers in your facilities

Cooling Towers	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
Number of units						
If number of units is unknown, please estimate % of buildings with cooling towers						

**23. Cooling Towers** – approximate % of cooling towers by type in each sector

Cooling Towers	Dormitories	Universities	Hotels	Research Labs	Restaurants	Offices
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Cycles of Concentration</b>						
1 - 3						
4 - 6						
7-10						
more than 10						
<b>Drift Eliminators</b>						
With						
Without						
<b>Conductivity Controller</b>						
With						
Without						
<b>pH Controller</b>						
With						
Without						
<b>Softener</b>						
With						
Without						
<b>Sub-metered</b>						
With						
Without						
<b>Condensate Return</b>						
With						
Without						



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**24. Irrigation Systems** – approximate number of irrigation systems in your facilities

<b>Irrigation Systems</b>	<b>Dormitories</b>	<b>Universities</b>	<b>Hotels</b>	<b>Research Labs</b>	<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>Offices</b>
Number of units						
If number of units is unknown, please estimate % of buildings with irrigation systems						

**25. Irrigation System Controllers** – approximate % of irrigation systems by type in your facilities

<b>Irrigation Controllers</b>	<b>Dormitories</b>	<b>Universities</b>	<b>Hotels</b>	<b>Research Labs</b>	<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>Offices</b>
Manual irrigation	%	%	%	%	%	%
Standard clock-timer						
Weather-based						
Weather-based with sensors						

**26. Who is responsible for landscaping and landscape irrigation?**

Residents \_\_\_\_\_

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Property Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



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**27.** If we may contact you for further information, it would be helpful if you could provide your contact information. This is optional.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_