



CITY OF BEND ECOBIZ REBATE PROGRAM

Terms and Conditions

The City of Bend Ecobiz Rebate Program ("Rebate Program") provides financial incentives to businesses that complete and achieve certification through the free statewide Ecobiz environmental program. The certification process includes an audit of existing operations and practices such as waste disposal, cleaning practices, employee training, hazardous materials use and storage, spill prevention, and stormwater utilities' to ensure compliance with local and statewide environmental regulations.

The statewide Ecobiz certification is a free program administered and managed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) and is funded through a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency. More information about the program is available at ecobiz.org. The City of Bend currently contracts with PPRC to provide in-person technical assistance, educational outreach and to promote participation in the certification program.

The Rebate Program consists of two basic components:

- (1) Verification of Ecobiz certification
- (2) Issuance of a monetary \$250 rebate

The City of Bend will review application materials to verify that applicants meet the eligibility criteria for the Rebate Program, as outlined in the terms and conditions. Once both eligibility and certification status have been verified, the City will issue a \$250 rebate check to the named customer or business as shown on the City of Bend Water Services utility account.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Account Type: Non-residential City of Bend utility customers located within the Bend city limits with businesses classified under landscaping or automotive NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) codes.

Account Ownership: The applicant must be a named customer or business on the City of Bend Water Services utility account.

Criteria: To qualify for the rebate, customers must have an open and active non-residential Water Services utility account in good standing and meet the following criteria:

- The business must have a physical location in the Bend city limits.

- Applicants must receive the Ecobiz certification, or recertification, in 2025 or later. Businesses with multiple physical locations located in Bend city limits may apply for one rebate per location every three years.
- An application does not guarantee funding. Funding is dependent on City of Bend available funding and the applicant meeting the requirements of the Terms and Conditions.
- City of Bend reserves the right to modify or terminate the program at any time.

Rebate Benefits: The following are benefits of participation in the rebate program

- Helps offset costs associated with meeting Ecobiz certification requirements (i.e. switching to eco-friendly products, secondary containment for hazardous material storage or spill kit materials, high efficiency thermostats or lighting, and upgrades or maintenance to existing facilities).
- Receive recognition on the City of Bend's Stormwater Program Ecobiz webpage.

Application: To apply for the Ecobiz rebate, applicants will submit the following to the City:

- Copy of the Ecobiz certificate for their business
- Completed and signed Internal Revenue Service W-9 form
- Completed Ecobiz Business Rebate Program Application