

BUSINESSES REDUCING IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (BRITE) PROGRAM

Keep your suburban Cook County business *green and competitive*

BRITE SOLUTIONS TAILORED TO *YOUR* FACILITY

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability BRITE program offers on-site assessments at **no cost** to your suburban Cook County business! BRITE can help reduce your **impact on the environment** and create a **healthier workplace** for your employees, customers and community.

Services Include:

- Free on-site assessments with consultants to help your facility:
 - Measure and analyze energy and water use, types of materials and potential pollutants
 - Reduce waste and utility costs
 - Save time, money and resources
 - Establish and meet sustainability goals
 - Create a safer and healthier work environment for staff
 - Stay ahead of the competition
 - Follow environmental regulations
- Financial assistance through grant funding and identifying utility rebates

Cook County proudly offers language interpretation services.

How to Participate:

1. Sign up: www.cookcountyil.gov/BRITE
2. Register on the Web Portal: app.greenbiztracker.org/business
3. Complete free assessment
4. Review recommendations
5. Decide the projects to complete
6. Implement enhancements

We advise - You decide

BRITE Grants offered spring 2023:

- Examples of projects the BRITE Grant covers include:
 - Upgrading equipment to newer models that use safer alternative cleaning agents
 - Helping pay for waste reduction trainings
 - Purchasing and installing equipment that conserves energy and water
- Details: www.cookcountyil.gov/BRITE

Contact us today!

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Examples of Industry Best Practices

General Business Sustainability Tips

- Use energy efficient lighting and LEDs
- Offer recycling and/or composting

Dry Cleaners

- Save money and energy with Energy Star certified equipment upgrades
- Change from PERC based dry cleaning equipment to non-polluting equipment
- Switch to reusable garment bags

Auto Body Shop

- Switch to water-based paints
- Use refillable containers for paints, cleaners and lubricants

Auto Repair Shops

- Avoid use of chlorinated cleaners
- Use a water-based brake washing method

Food and Beverage Manufacturers

- Send food scraps to an industrial compost facility to reduce waste
- Use excess heat for other processes to save energy

Metal Finishers

- Monitor rinse water requirements to reduce water use

Additional Resources

- Cook County Small Business Source directly connects small business owners with expert guidance and support to take businesses to the next level.
 - cookcountysmallbiz.org
- Cook County's CPACE Program helps property owners secure low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and resiliency projects in commercial buildings.
 - www.cookcountyil.gov/service/clean-energy-cpace-program

Utility Rebate and Assessment Programs

- NICOR Commercial & Industrial Rebates
 - www.nicorgas.com/business
- ComEd For Your Business
 - www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourBusiness/Pages
- Illinois Green Business Association provides assistance with implementing green business practices
 - www.illinoisgba.org
- More information on pollution prevention best practices: www.epa.gov/p2

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