



Green Fleets of the Bluegrass Frequently Asked Questions



Which fuels and technologies are considered for a “green” fleet?

The Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition and the Green Fleets of the Bluegrass program use definitions and guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Energy’s [Alternative Fuel and Advanced Vehicle Data Center](#).

Alternative Fuels include the following commercially available fuels: *Biodiesel, Ethanol, Hydrogen, Methanol, Natural Gas, Propane, and Electricity.*

Alternative Fuel Vehicles are *dedicated, flexible fuel, or dual-fuel vehicles designed to operate on at least one alternative fuel.*

Advanced Technology Vehicles *combine new engine, power, or drivetrain systems to significantly improve fuel economy.* These include fuel cell, hybrid electric, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

After Market Improvements

Examples of other technologies include engine replacement, idle reduction equipment, efficient auto-inflated tires, retrofits with emissions control devices including diesel particulate filters, diesel oxidation catalyts, and closed crank case ventilation systems.

Why should my fleet participate?

Participants have various incentives for joining Green Fleets of the Bluegrass including: achieving fuel efficiencies and cost savings, improving peak performance, reducing environmental impacts, learning and sharing best practices, demonstrating leadership in environmental performance, responding to internal and external stakeholder groups such as employees and investors, developing strategic partnerships, and leveraging efforts to affiliate fleets operating outside of Kentucky.

What do I have to do to participate?

Go to www.kentuckycleanfuels.org/greenfleets.htm to enroll and submit baseline and year end data by November 1st.

How much time does this take?

Completing the survey should take about 30 minutes depending on complexity of responses.



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How are fleets rated?

Fleets are rated on demonstrated results and improvements. Higher ratings can be achieved through continued improvements in all seven criteria areas.

Fleets demonstrating the following successes will achieve the highest ratings:

- Reduction in petroleum use
- Increasing use of alternative fuel & advanced vehicles versus conventional fuel & vehicles
- Evidence of comprehensive green fleet strategies with achievement of results
- Leadership in the advancement of adoption of alternative fuel and advanced vehicles

Will I get credit for what we're already doing?

Yes! Ratings will include an evaluation of improvement since baseline. Different participants will have different baselines, depending on individual fleet activities. See program details for more information on baseline data.

How should our baseline data be determined?

Fleets with significant green initiatives prior to the May 2011 launch of the program may elect an earlier baseline. Fleets without significant green fleet initiatives prior to program launch may elect May 2011 as baseline.

When should I submit my fleet's baseline data?

To gain the most out of participation it is recommended that fleets enroll in Green Fleets of the Bluegrass today and submit their baseline data as soon as possible. Participating fleets can then identify areas of improvement and implement changes ahead of the year end November 1st data submission and evaluation. KCFC members that submit baseline data by June 30th, 2011 will receive recommendations for initiatives to potentially improve year end ratings.

How does the program recognize efficiencies made with conventional vehicles and fuel?

Actual reductions in petroleum based fuels are accounted for by the reported total amount of conventional fuel used, average fleet fuel economy, and other descriptive information provided such as vehicle replacements and trip reductions.

I already report a lot of this elsewhere; can I send you those reports?

You may attach additional documents with your data submission.