

Noise-Events and Festivals

What is Certifiably Green Denver?

The Certifiably Green Denver Program provides education and recognition for environmental achievement. Our free services are available to any business in the City and County of Denver.

Certifiably Green Denver offers:

- Assessments to identify water conservation and energy-efficiency options
- Information and assistance to meet your business needs
- Public recognition for your environmental efforts

Why Participate?

Compliance - Proper management practices help minimize wastes, reduce downtime, and keep you in compliance with regulations.

Cost Savings - Less waste means lower disposal and operating costs. Efficient use of materials, water, and energy saves money.

Public Image - Superior environmental practices affect your image with customers, the community, and regulatory agencies.

Public Recognition!

Certifiably Green Denver publicly recognizes certified businesses through free advertising. This includes Internet listings and advertising in the newspaper, magazines, radio, and water bill inserts. Certified businesses receive a framed certificate and window decal.

Environmental pollution comes in all shapes and sizes. One of the most overlooked types of environmental pollution is noise. Events and festivals are some of the most vulnerable institutions and may operate outside the Denver Revised Municipal Code without even knowing it. The following environmental guidelines are based on Denver's Noise Ordinance.

General Guidelines

For most events and festivals the following limits should be observed:

Music (live entertainment and in-house audio systems) is regulated to 55 decibels (dB(A)) between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm, *the allowed level drops to 50 dB(A) after 10:00 pm until 7:00 am.*

Commercial Power Equipment (such as generators) are limited to 88 dB(A) from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, 55 dB(A) from 9:00 pm until 10:00 am. and 50 dB(A) from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Delivery Activity is exempted between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm and regulated to 50 dB(A) after 10:00 pm until 7:00 am.

Waste Activity (trash & recycling pickup, parking lot sweeping & cleaning) is exempted from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm. However, it is prohibited adjoining to or across the street or alley from a residential property after 10:00 pm and before 7:00 am.



Festivals

If your event is open to the public, has a permit for street closure or occupancy, and a license to serve food, beverage, or liquor, then it may be considered a festival per Denver's Noise Ordinance. Noise from festivals is limited to 80 dB(A) from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, 50 dB(A) from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am, and 55 dB(A) from 7:00 pm until 8:00 am. To determine if your event is a festival, see the [noise ordinance requirements form](#).

Helpful Resources

See the Certifiably Green Denver website for more helpful resource sheets:

www.denvergov.org/CGD

For more information on events, visit the Office of Special Events website:

www.denvergov.org/SpecialEvents

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