



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

WHAT IS AN EMS?

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is a proactive management tool that helps organizations incorporate environmental practices and considerations into their daily operations. An EMS can help drive sustainability and cost savings. **An EMS is not a document!**

HOW IS CGD INVOLVED?

Certifiably Green Denver's advisors can assist businesses in Denver with EMS development, whether or not they plan to apply for ELP Gold recognition.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Reach out to your CGD advisor and let them know you're interested. If you haven't worked with

Certifiably Green Denver before, email us at certifiablygreendenver@denvergov.org to get started.

2. Gather your team and decide who will lead, and the desired timeframe for developing your EMS.

3. Set a meeting with your EMS team and your advisor. We'll walk you through an easy to use template and help you work through any challenges you encounter.



4. Once your EMS is complete, staff from our department can provide a third-party audit. This is necessary for verifying the accuracy and completeness of the EMS and is also required for the ELP Gold application.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (ELP)

ELP is a statewide program that recognizes companies that go beyond compliance and are committed to continual environmental improvement. Gold level recognition requires an EMS. Learn more: www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/environmental-leadership-program