

# Sustainability



Aspen Grille at CSU has been certified as a 3 Star Certified Green Restaurant by The Green Restaurant Association (GRA), a national nonprofit organization helping restaurants become more environmentally sustainable since 1990. The GRA has the largest data base of green solutions for restaurants in the world! Our sustainability steps have been measured against the GRA's science-based certification standards. We have taken 45 environmental steps to earn over 210 GreenPoints™.

## GreenPoints™ Breakdown

## Savings

As a result of the environmental initiatives taken at our locations, we can save the following amounts of energy, water, and waste annually.



**51,200 kWh of Electricity**

Equivalent of taking 7.6 passenger vehicles off the road for one year



**84,500 Gallons of Water**

Equivalent to the amount of water to fill 7.7 backyard swimming pools



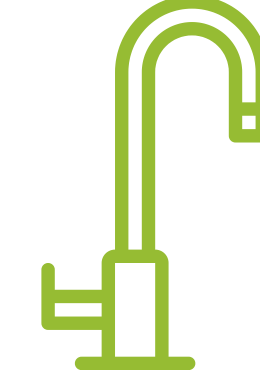
**75,000 lbs of Waste**

The annual amount diverted from landfills through our waste diversion program

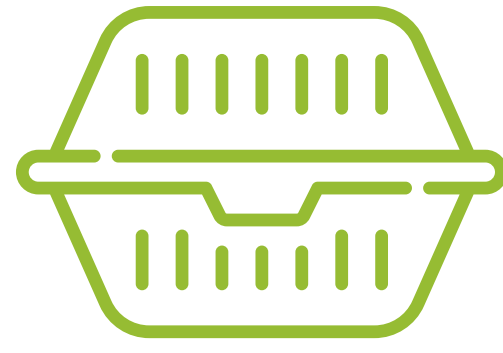
## Top Ten Environmental Steps



Low flow toilets like ours use 20% less water than the current federal standard.



Our restrooms' touchless sensor faucets conserve water and energy.



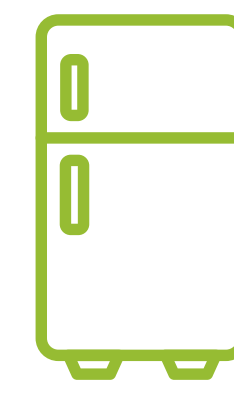
Our facility is polystyrene foam free, which keeps harmful chemicals and litter out of our environment.



We installed low-flow aerators on our sinks, saving enough water to fill over 4 backyard swimming pools per year.



By not offering bottled water, we do not contribute to the 4 billion pounds of plastic bottles that end up in landfills each year.



Our Energy Star dishwasher, refrigerator, and ice machine are 30-40% more efficient than conventional models.



Over 55% of our main dishes are vegetarian or vegan, which require significantly less energy and water to produce than meat-based dishes.



Composting food waste and recycling plastics, glass, aluminum, cardboard, and paper can keep up to 90% of our waste out of landfills.



We use occupancy sensors in our dining room, office and restrooms, which reduces electricity usage in these areas by approximately 60%.



Our distance to the bus line, bike rack, and alternative fuel refueling stations promote cleaner transportation alternatives to our students and staff.