

Checklist for Cool Congregations Online Calculator



This is a list of the questions posed by the Cool Congregations Online Calculator. This list should help you gather the necessary information so that you are ready to fill out all of the questions when you sit down at the computer.

If you have questions, please email info@InterfaithPowerandLight.org

1) Contact information of your congregation with an email address of the person completing this form.

2) What is your congregation's average attendance at weekly services?

3) What profile best describes attendance at services, events, or classes?

- Most congregants visit only once per week or less
- Most congregants visit once or twice per week
- Most congregants visit twice per week or more

4) Please estimate the percent of congregants who travel in the following transportation modes. Your totals must add up to 100%.

- % Single family vehicles
- % Carpools
- % Public transportation
- % Walking/Biking

5) What best describes your congregation's geographic setting?

- Dense urban area or inner city
- Suburban
- Rural

6) Please enter the miles staff traveled on congregation business last year for each transportation mode listed below:

Automobiles, including personal vehicles, taxis, and carpools
Bus, including metro and long distance service
Rail, including subways, inner-city light rail, cross country trains
Air travel

7) After retrieving your energy bills, please enter the amount of energy your congregation consumed for the past 12 months for each applicable energy source below:

Electricity: Kilowatt hours
Natural gas: Million BTUs
Heating oil: Gallons
Coal: Pounds

8) Approximately what percent of your congregation's electricity is generated by renewable hydropower, wind, solar or biomass sources? If you're not sure, the initial value included online is the regional average. You can get a more accurate figure by calling your local utility.

9) How many standard size garbage bags does your congregation throw out each week?

Less than five
Six to ten
More than ten

10) What proportion of the following wastes do you recycle?

None A fair amount Almost all

Paper
Aluminum
Glass
Plastic
Electronics

11) Please estimate how much money your congregation spent per year for each category of goods and services listed below.

Paper and paper products
Office supplies
Cleaning supplies and services
Furniture and fixtures
Construction and renovations
Food
Apparel, linens, and other textiles
Printing and publishing
Other goods and services

12) In purchasing goods and services, does your congregation try to select items that are certified as organic, recycled and or reusable, or sustainably produced?

- Almost never
- Sometimes
- Almost always

13) Does your congregation own significant tracts of land managed as open space or natural habitat?

- Yes
- No

Total Acres

14) What best describes these lands?

- Grasslands or pasturelands
- Desert chapparal
- Forest or woodlands
- Wetlands

15) Has your congregation purchased offsets for its carbon emissions in the past year?

- Yes
- No

16) If Yes, what company did you purchase offsets from?

- AgCert / Driving Green
- Atmosfair
- Carbon Neutral
- Climate Care
- Climate Trust
- CO2 Balance
- Native Energy
- Terra Pass
- Sustainable Travel / My Climate
- Other, Please specify