

GreenChill Annual Recognition Event



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#### **Presentation Overview**



- Remarks by Bella Maranion, Senior Advisor, Stratospheric Protection Division
- GreenChill Program Overview
- Trends and Achievements in 2021 GreenChill Partners and GreenChill Certified Stores
- GreenChill Recognition Presentation of Awards

#### Remarks



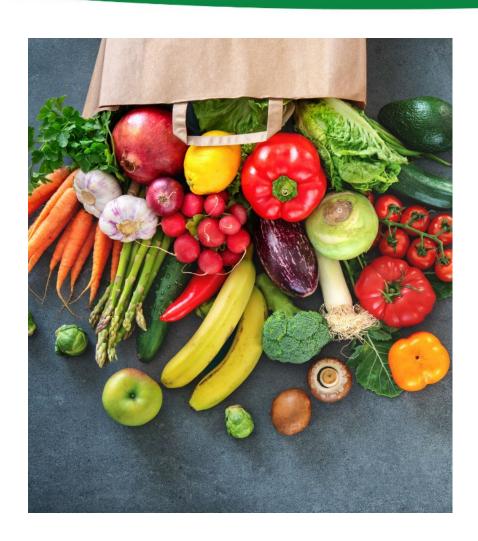


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#### **Program Overview**





GreenChill is a voluntary partnership program that works collaboratively with the food retail industry to reduce refrigerant emission and decrease stores' impact on the ozone layer and climate system

#### GreenChill works to help food retailers:

- Lower refrigerant charge sizes and eliminate leaks
- Transition to environmentally friendlier refrigerants
- Adopt green refrigeration technologies and best environmental practices

#### **GreenChill's Mission**







Partners measure corporate-wide emissions, set annual goals, and report annually on progress

#### **Focus:**

- Existing stores
- Find leaks more quickly
- Prevent leaks from happening in the first place

**GreenChill's** Mission: Reduce Refrigerant **Emissions** Store **Certification Program Demonstrate** 

Individual stores earn GreenChill certification for meeting highest standards: low charge size, use of less harmful refrigerants, and low leak rates



#### **Share**

Promote advanced refrigeration technologies, strategies, and practices through social media, webinars, and guidelines

#### Focus:

- Designing leaks out of supermarket systems
- Finding long term solutions to leaks

#### **Celebrating 15 Years of GreenChill**





#### 2022 is the 15th anniversary of GreenChill

- Explore GreenChill's Partner accomplishment page
- Check out the GreenChill 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report
- Thank you for helping make GreenChill a success for 15 years

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#### **Partnership Accomplishments**



Each year GreenChill Partner companies share data on the amount of refrigerant contained in their systems and the amount of refrigerant leaked from those systems. These data demonstrate that GreenChill Partners generate environmental and economic benefits by transitioning to environmentally friendlier refrigerants, reducing the amount of refrigerant used by stores, eliminating refrigerant leaks, adopting green refrigeration technologies, and implementing environmental best practices.

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Saving Money



#### **Corporate Emissions Reduction Program**





#### Food Retailers

- Partners submit:
  - Corporate-wide data on refrigerant installed and emissions
  - Refrigerant Management Plan with goal
- Partners receive:
  - Individual benchmark report
  - Recognition for annual achievements

#### Equipment Manufacturers

- Partners submit:
  - Data on commercial systems sold
- Partners receive:
  - Aggregate data for all systems sold by Partners
- Chemical Producers

GreenChill Partners	
Food Retail- Corporate	33
Equipment Manufacturers	5
Chemical Producers	6

#### **GreenChill Partners Lead the Way**











































































































































































#### **Newest GreenChill Partners**



#### Welcome to our newest Partners:

Lunds & Byerlys and Stop & Shop joined GreenChill since last year!



LUNDS&BYERLYS



#### **Store Certification Program**





- Certified stores demonstrate leadership in food retail refrigerant management
- These stores:
  - Use only non-ozone depleting refrigerants that are Significant New Alternatives Policy program approved
  - Have lower refrigerant charge sizes and leak rates compared to the average food retail store\*
- Any food retail store in the United States can apply;
   not necessary to be a GreenChill Partner



Platinum, Gold, and Silver certification levels

\*Determines certification level 1





# Trends and Achievements in 2021

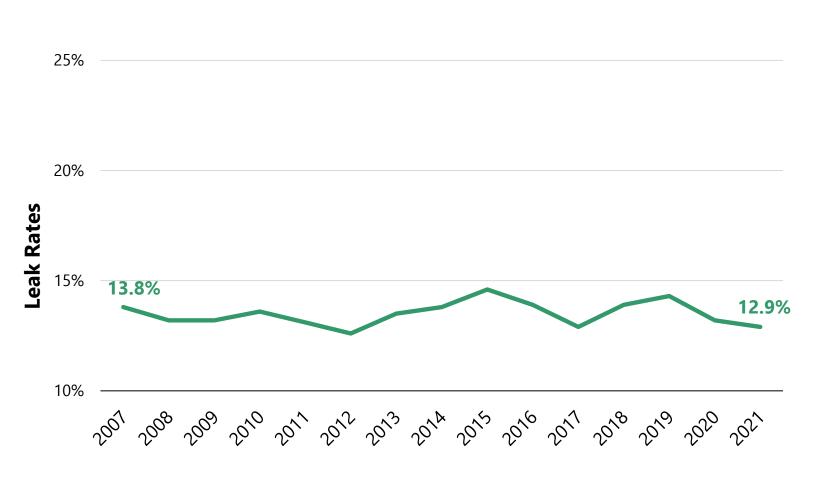
#### **Food Retail Partners**





#### **Leak Rate – Historical**

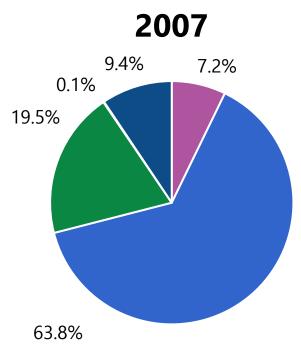


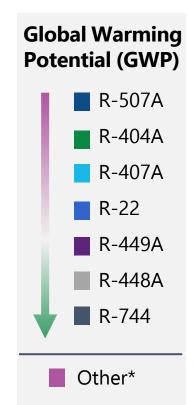


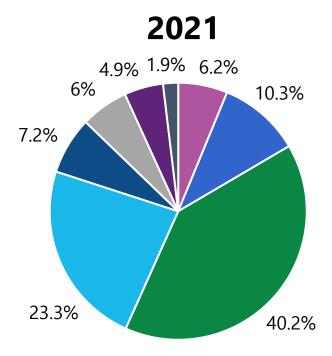
- Existing Partners
   continue to achieve
   relatively lower leak
   rates while adding new
   stores
- GreenChill has added new Partners with additional stores/equipment that are improving leak rates

#### Partnership Installed Refrigerants









- A much broader array of refrigerants are installed today as compared to 2007
- In 2010, new production and imports of R-22 was prohibited for use in new equipment
- R-22, represents less than10% of installed refrigerant in2021

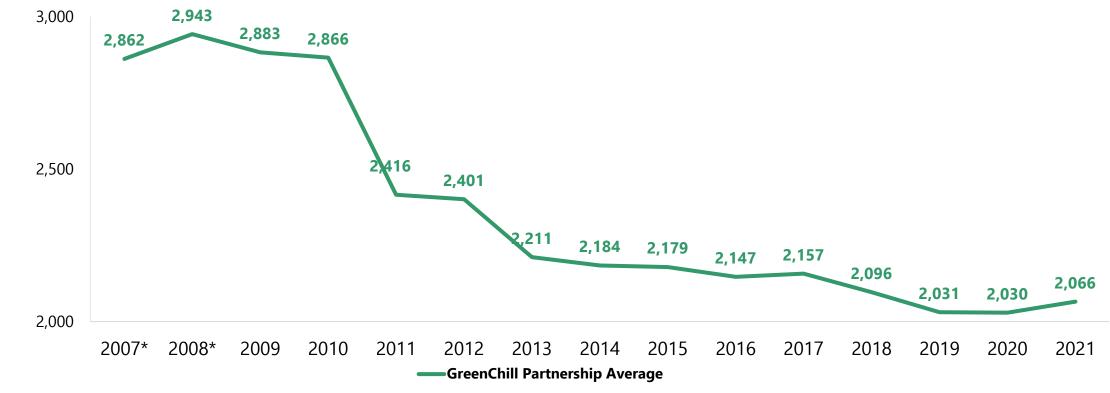
GreenChill Partners have done a great job on ozone layer protection. Today, we have the opportunity to do more to fight the climate crisis.

## Average Pounds of Installed Refrigerants in Commercial Systems









\*Estimates for 2007 and 2008-are extrapolated based on numbers Reported in 2009.

#### The downward trend can be likely attributed to:

- Partners are transitioning to the use of more distributed systems and other advanced technologies which use lower refrigerant charge sizes.
- In addition, some Partners have been using more self-contained systems which use lower refrigerant charge sizes.
- Consistent with industry trends, Partner food retail stores are also trending toward smaller footprint size.

#### **Store Certification Program**







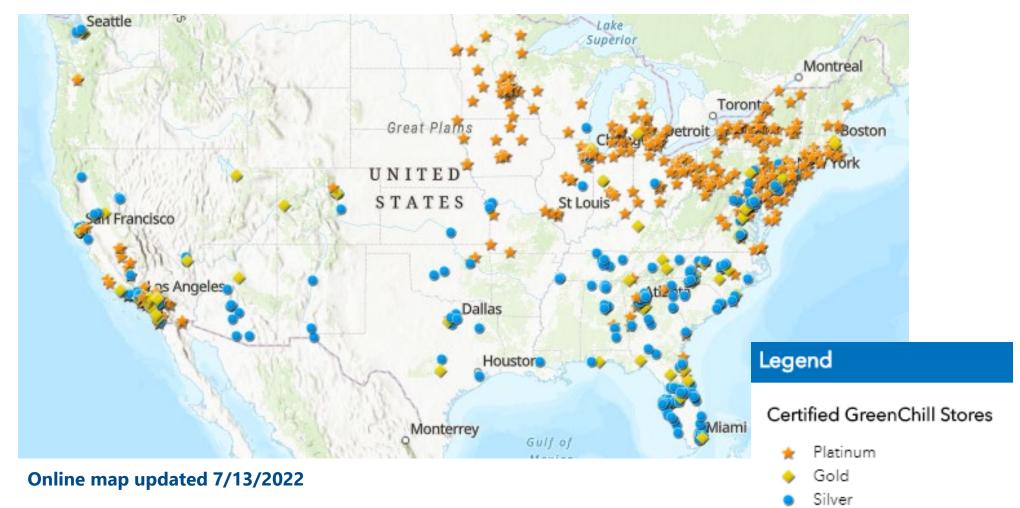
\*As of July 31, 2022.

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#### **Store Certification Map**







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## GreenChill Recognition

#### **Overview**



- GreenChill is recognizing 14 companies in seven categories with a total of 63 achievements across the two Programs
- Partnership Program achievements occurred in the 2021 calendar year
- Store Certification Program achievements occurred from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

#### **Superior Goal Achievement**

Partner that achieves its annual refrigerant emissions reduction goal. Goal must be below the leak rate achieved the year before.



















#### **Exceptional Goal Achievement**

Partner that achieves its "stretch" refrigerant emissions reduction goal. This goal is more difficult to achieve than Superior Goal Achievement.









This year, four Partners achieved their 2021 "stretch" goal.

#### **Most Improved Emissions Rate**

Partner with the most improved emissions rate for commercial systems from the previous year.



Year-to-year

#### **Statement from PCC**



"Our co-op operates on a triple bottom line, always balancing our economic, social, and environmental impact," said PCC Community Markets Vice President of Store Development Mark Comstock. "As the nation's largest community-owned food market, we are deeply appreciative to the EPA for this 2021 GreenChill Achievement recognition as Most-Improved Emissions Rate for Commercial Refrigerant Systems (year-to-year). Refrigeration is energy-intensive, but the installation of CO2 refrigerant systems in our new stores while reducing leaks in existing stores is part of how we're optimizing our stores to align with our commitment to sustainability."

#### **Most Improved Emissions Rate**

Partner with the most improved emissions rate for commercial systems since the year they joined the Partnership.



Over Baseline Year

### **Best Emissions Rate** *Retail Chain*

Lowest refrigerant emissions rate of all Partners.



## **Best Emissions Rate** *Small-Independent*

Lowest refrigerant emissions rate of all Partners.



#### **Store Leadership**



This Target store is the first GreenChill certified store to pursue being a net-zero energy building.

## Store Certification Excellence Supermarket

The supermarket company that achieves the most GreenChill store certifications in the past year.



## Store Certification Excellence Systems Manufacturer

The commercial systems manufacturer with the most systems installed in GreenChill certified stores in the past year.





## Store Re-Certification Excellence (Five Years)

Each supermarket that renewed its GreenChill Store Certification for five consecutive years.

This year, 42 stores reached this achievement for five years.

Congratulations to the following Partners...



21 Stores!

- Altadena, CA
- Chino, CA
- Chula Vista, CA
- Downey, CA
- Escondido, CA
- Long Beach, CA
- Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Santa Clarita, CA
- Santa Fe Springs, CA
- Simi Valley, CA
- Whittier, CA

- Bel Air, MD
- Amherst, NY
- Buffalo, NY
- Geneseo, NY
- Lyons, NY
- North Tonawanda, NY
- Norwich, NY
- Utica, NY
- Easton, PA
- Chester, VA

#### SPROUTS. Colorado Sp. Arvada, CO **FARMERS MARKET**

17 Stores!

- Los Angeles, CA
- Colorado Springs, CO
- Yuma, AZ
- Camarillo, CA
- Green Valley, AZ
- Redlands, CA
- Sacramento, CA
- Las Vegas, NV

- Reno, NV
- Lawrenceville, GA
- Woodstock, GA
- Charlotte, NC
- Simpsonville, SC
- Nashville, TN
- Las Cruces, NM
- Ellicott City, MD







#### 2 Stores!

- Towson, MD
- Brunswick, MD

#### 1 Store!

• West Lafeyette, IN

#### 1 Store!

Minneapolis, MN

## Store Re-Certification Excellence (10 Years)

Each supermarket that renewed its GreenChill Store Certification for 10 consecutive years.



Whittier, CA

## Meeting the Coming Challenges & Looking Forward



- How does GreenChill provide opportunities for Partners to lead in meeting the coming hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) phase down?
- Partners can lead the way with adopting innovative technologies to reduce their reliance on high GWP HFCs and managing HFCs where they do use them to reduce emissions. GreenChill can support these efforts by sharing Partner success stories.
- GreenChill will be setting up a working groups over the next year to refresh and re-envision many program elements and respond to Partners' suggestions (e.g., leak repair, certification levels, treatment of emissions of low-GWP alternatives).

We are looking for opportunities to expand GreenChill:

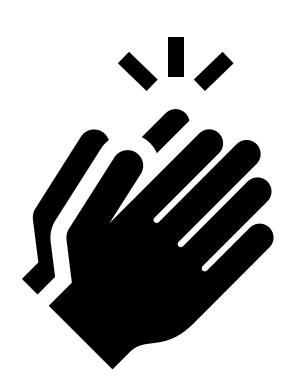
- We welcome new Partners to the Partnership and new stores to the Store Certification Program
- If interested, contact us <u>GreenChill@epa.gov</u>

Reducing refrigerant emissions is good for the environment and good for business!

#### Acknowledgments



- Congratulations to each recognition recipient!
- Thank you to our GreenChill Partners and GreenChill Certified Stores – we value and appreciate your participation in and contribution to GreenChill
- Thank you to our supporters all play a role through data reporting, store certifications, refrigerant management plans, webinar presentations, and input on GreenChill programs and resources.



#### Thank you!





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