



**vegawatt**  
ON - SITE WASTE  
VEGETABLE OIL GENERATORS

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## Vegawatt and the Green Restaurant Association

The Green Restaurant Association ([GRA](#)) is a national non-profit organization that was founded in 1990 to shift the restaurant industry toward ecological sustainability. For 19 years, the GRA has pioneered the Green Restaurant® movement. Using a transparent and turnkey Certification system, the GRA has made it easy for thousands of restaurants to profit and successfully become more environmentally sustainable. With the world's largest database of environmental solutions for the restaurant industry, the GRA provides environmental consulting, education, and the only official standard for Certified Green Restaurants®.

The GRA works with new and existing restaurants to help them earn Certification within the nationally recognized Green Restaurant® 4.0 certification program. This points-based program requires restaurants to earn a minimum of 10 points in 6 of the 7 environmental categories (Water, Waste, Energy, Pollution & Chemical Reduction, Sustainable Food, Disposables, Sustainable Building Materials & Furnishings). 2 Star Certified Green Restaurants® must earn a total of at least 100 points, 3 Star Certified Green Restaurants® must earn at least 175 points, and 4 Star Certified Green Restaurants® must earn 470 points or more.

In addition to the Certification for restaurants, the GRA offers a separate product endorsement program for products that exemplify the highest level of environmental responsibility and meet the GRA [Endorsement Standards](#). Vegawatt™ is a GRA Endorsed Product.

Vegawatt™ enables restaurants to reduce their need for electricity and natural gas supplied from utility companies by using their waste vegetable oil to create electricity and hot water. Vegawatt™ is not run on biodiesel, but vegetable oil that would normally be hauled away for disposal. It's a fully automated system that requires no intervention or maintenance by restaurant staff, no additional chemicals, and produces no liquid byproducts.

Within the GR4.0 program, a restaurant can earn up to 25 points toward Certification in the Energy category by installing a standard 5kW Vegawatt™ system. Vegawatt™ receives this high point value because it enables a restaurant to produce on-site renewable energy, which offsets a considerable amount of the restaurant's electricity usage.

GR4.0 point values are determined by how much the product can reduce a restaurant's environmental impact. Larger Vegawatt machines receive higher point values because they create a greater amount of electricity. A 10kW Vegawatt system would receive up to 50 points toward GRA Certification, and a 12kW system would earn up to 60 points.

"It's with great pleasure that we endorse this product - groundbreaking truly is the word to describe it," says Michael Oshman, CEO of the Green Restaurant Association. "The product's environmental merits are outstanding. By supporting renewable fuel, the Vegawatt™ reduces the amount of traditional, petroleum-based, nuclear, coal, and large horsepower fuel typically associated with energy production."



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