



CANADA'S GREENEST RESTAURANTS

2020



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to LEAF's Annual Guide to Canada's Greenest Restaurants.

In past years, we have released this guide on Earth Day. This year, Earth Day was quite different, and overshadowed by Covid-19. Many of our members are facing unprecedented challenges, and forced to close or significantly change how they operate. In view of this, we delayed the release of this guide until we better understood the current situation.

2019-20 was an incredibly exciting year for LEAF, with another great year at the RC Show and an expansion into the E.U. With the upcoming launch of our [Sustainable Foodservice Professional program](#), we are looking forward to empowering individuals and companies with important sustainability knowledge that will positively impact their work in the industry. 2020 also marks LEAF's 10th year in operation, and something that we are incredibly proud of.

Now, in the midst of a pandemic, many have found time to reflect more meaningfully on our connections to each other and the planet. We saw the lowest emissions levels in decades, and heard stories of wildlife returning to areas they had long abandoned. As we get back to business and move into our "new normal" for 2020-2021, my hope is that we take the learnings with us, and continue

to prioritize the health of each other and our planet in future decisions.

Now more than ever, we want to celebrate the incredible sustainability efforts and successes of our members and support our local businesses and sustainable foodservice industry. As we each find ourselves spending more time at home, we encourage you to visit our members' websites and support them however possible. As we move forward, LEAF will be here to support the industry as best we can. We hope you'll join us.

Janine Windsor
President & Founder





ABOUT LEAF

LEAFME.ORG @LEAF_CANADA

Since 2009, our program has worked with more than 100 restaurants, cafes, and food trucks to help reduce the environmental impact of the Canadian foodservice industry.

We make it easy for diners to find green dining options, and champion sustainable foodservice practices. LEAF is the only national non-profit foodservice certification of its kind. LEAF Certification offers accreditation to restaurants demonstrating efforts in environmental and sustainable foodservice practices, across our 10 key areas of sustainability.

10 KEY AREAS OF SUSTAINABILITY

1. Food purchasing & menu items
2. Supplies
3. Energy
4. Water
5. Building and location
6. Furnishing and decorative items
7. Chemicals
8. Waste and recycling
9. Employees
10. Policy and innovation

CERTIFICATION LEVELS

LEVEL 1 / The facility meets the minimum requirements for certification with LEAF, and has made a positive attempt to become an environmentally-friendly foodservice establishment.

CAFE CERTIFICATION / Same criteria as Level 1.

LEVEL 2 / The facility meets above the minimum criteria required for certification with LEAF, and has proven to be committed to reducing the impact of the facility on the planet. The facility is well on its way to reaching top level status for sustainable foodservice.

LEVEL 3 / The facility has reached the top level of environmental sustainability. The facility makes a continuous effort to reduce the environmental impact, and contributes above and beyond that of other facilities to provide the most sustainable foodservice experience to its patrons.



A sustainability assessment in action.



LEAF AWARDS & LATEST NEWS

LEAF AWARDS 2020

On March 3rd, the 3rd annual LEAF awards were handed out at the Restaurants Canada Show in Toronto.

LEAF hosted sustainability workshops to educate attendees how to work towards zero waste and participated in a panel discussion about Planet & profits: Sustainable solutions for your business.

We thank all of the applicants to the 2020 LEAF Awards, and are proud of all of our LEAF-certified members that operate with sustainability in mind everyday. We applaud your commitment to the environment and your customers!

Winners on the following page





GREENEST CAFE

Balzac's Coffee Roasters Across Ontario

LEAF works with all types of facilities from small cafes to chain restaurants and campus food services. This award recognizes a café that has demonstrated their commitment to sustainability since 1996 when they opened

their very first café. Their business philosophy is Local, Natural, Sustainable and Artisanal and they have stayed true to this over the decades. They have sourced an eco-friendly Roaster, which reduces energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to a conventional Roaster. They also support a vast range of organizations that are devoted to environmental causes.



GREENEST RESTAURANT

Maison Boire Granby, Quebec

In order to be eligible for this award, the finalists had to be Level 3 LEAF certified, which is our highest level. Maison Boire seeks self-sufficiency and makes everything from scratch. For example, they use cloth towels instead of paper and wash them with laundry

detergent made out of ashes from their firewood stoves. Their innovative and forward thinking towards a zero waste restaurant has earned them the title of Greenest Restaurant 2020.

GREENEST RESTAURANT OVER 10K SQUARE FEET

Diversity Food services Winnipeg, Manitoba

Diversity is a second-time winner in this category, first winning the title in 2018. First LEAF certified in 2014, this business is committed to sustainability and continually looking for new ways to reduce their carbon footprint in all of their business areas.



*Diversity Food Services, MB
Photo c/o Justin Luchinski
(Winnipeg Free Press)*

ECO-INNOVATOR

The Gladstone Hotel Toronto, Ontario

The Eco-Innovator award was open to any restaurant or foodservice facility in Canada that has demonstrated innovative solutions to sustainable challenges or raised the bar for the industry. The Gladstone Hotel has established itself as an industry leader in sustainable hotel practices, creating a

new norm through commitment to using sustainable products, dramatically reducing consumption, recycling and composting waste. From the tops of their green roofs to the fields of their local food-providers, they are revolutionizing the hospitality model.



The Gladstone Hotel, ON



CERTIFIED RESTAURANTS 2020

ALBERTA

4 NINES CAFETERIA / Level 2

Calgary, SAIT Polytechnic
sait.ca

BANFF BALKAN / Level 2

Banff
banffbalkan.ca

CAFFE BEANO / Certified Cafe

Calgary
caffebeano.ca

CALGARY ZOO / Level 2

Calgary
calgaryzoo.com

CHEEZY BIZNESS / Certified Food Truck

Calgary
cheezybusiness.com

COMMUNITY CAFE / Level 2

Calgary
communitynaturalfoods.com

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 1

Calgary
craftbeermarket.ca

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 1

Calgary South Centre Mall
craftbeermarket.ca

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 2

Edmonton
craftbeermarket.ca

FIASCO CAFE / Certified Cafe

Calgary
fiascogelato.ca

FIASCO GELATO / Certified Food Truck

Calgary
fiascogelato.ca

HIGHWOOD RESTAURANT / Level 2

Calgary, SAIT Polytechnic
sait.ca

MOUNTAIN MERCATO / Certified Cafe

Canmore
mountainmercato.com

ODYSSEY CAFE / Level 2

Calgary
sait.ca/odyssey-coffeehouse

RIVER CAFÉ / Level 3

Calgary
river-cafe.com

**SAIT POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL OF
HOSPITALITY & TOURISM / Level 2**

Calgary
sait.ca

TAIKO TACO / Certified Food Truck

Calgary
taikotaco.com

THE COUP / Level 3

Calgary
thecoup.ca

UNA PIZZA + WINE / Level 2

Calgary
unapizzeria.com



Locals Restaurant, B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 2
Vancouver
craftbeermarket.ca

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 2
Kelowna
craftbeermarket.ca

BLUE SPRUCE ICE CREAM / Level 1
Comox Valley
bluespruceicecream.com

BRAVOCADOS / Level 2
Tofino
[instagram.com/bravocados_tofino](https://www.instagram.com/bravocados_tofino)

**GRASSROOTS CAFE -
KWANTLEN COLLEGE** / Level 2
Surrey
kpu.ca

**LOCALS RESTAURANT - FOOD FROM
THE HEART OF THE ISLAND** / Level 3
Courtenay
localscomoxvalley.com

R & B BREWING / Level 1
Vancouver
randbbrewing.com

MANITOBA



Nuburger, MB

CLUB REGENT CASINO / Level 1

Winnipeg
casinosofwinnipeg.com

DEGREES / Level 3

Winnipeg, University of Manitoba
umsu.ca/degrees

ELEMENTS, DIVERSITY FOOD

SERVICES / Level 2

Winnipeg, University of Winnipeg
diversityfoodservices.com

MCPHILIPS STATION CASINO / Level 1

Winnipeg
casinosofwinnipeg.com

NUBURGER / Level 2

Winnipeg
lovenuburger.com

PANGEA'S KITCHEN, DIVERSITY FOOD

SERVICES / Level 1

Winnipeg, University of Winnipeg
diversityfoodservices.com

THE MALECÓN, DIVERSITY FOOD

SERVICES / Level 1

Winnipeg, University of Winnipeg
diversityfoodservices.com

ONTARIO

360 RESTAURANT AT THE CN TOWER /
In Progress
Toronto
cntower.ca

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Guelph
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Kingston
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Kitchener
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Niagara on the Lake
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
St. Catharines
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Stratford
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Toronto (7 locations)
balzacs.com

**BALZAC'S COFFEE
ROASTERS** / Certified Cafe
Waterloo
balzacs.com

BEAVER VALLEY SKI CLUB / Level 2
Markdale
beavervalley.ca

CAFE BELONG / Level 3
Toronto
cafebelong.ca

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 3
Ottawa, La Cité campus d'Ottawa
coopsco.com

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 2
Ottawa
craftbeermarket.ca

CRAFT BEER MARKET / Level 1
Toronto
craftbeermarket.ca

EARTH + CITY / Level 2
Toronto
earth-city.myshopify.com

**GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE
CENTRE FOR HOSPITALITY &
CULINARY ARTS** / Level 2
Toronto
georgebrown.ca

**GUSTO 54 - COMMISSARY &
CATERING** / Level 1
Toronto
gusto54.com

HEARTY CATERING / Level 2
North York
heartycatering.com

LE CAFÉ / Cafe Certification
Toronto
cntower.ca



Cafe Belong, ON

LE SELECT BISTRO / Level 1
Toronto
leselect.com

NO BULL BURGERS / Level 1
Toronto
Nobullburgers.ca

PJ'S RESTAURANT IN THE ATRIUM /
Level 2
Guelph
uoguelph.ca/pjs

RADICAL GARDENS / Level 2
Timmins
radicalgardens.com

ROSALINDA / Level 1
Toronto
rosalindarestaurant.com/

THE CHEF'S HOUSE / Level 2
Toronto
thechefshouse.com

VUE BISTROS / Cafe Certification
Toronto
cntower.ca



Balzacs Coffee Roasters, ON

QUEBEC

BISTRO GARNEAU / Level 1
Coopsco F-X Garneau
coopfxgarneau.com

CAFÉ BISTRO / Level 2
Coopsco St-Hyacinthe
coopsco.com

CAFÉ CAUS / Level 2
Sherbrooke, Coopérative de
l'Université de Sherbrooke
coopsco.com

CAFÉ LE CAPHARNAÛM / Level 2
Montreal, Association coopérative des
étudiants du collège Édouard-Montpetit
coopsco.com

CAFÉ L'ESCALE / Level 2
Montreal, Coop Maisonneuve
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Valleyfield, Coopsco Valleyfield
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Campus Gabrielle-Roy Cégep de l'Outaouais
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Campus Félix-Leclerc Cégep de l'Outaouais
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Gatineau, Polyvalente Mont-Bleu
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Coopsco Victoriaville
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 2
Sherbrooke, Coopérative de Solidarité
du Cégep de Sherbrooke
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 2
Coopsco St-Hyacinthe
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Coopsco Ste-Foy
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Coopsco Chicoutimi
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Coopsco Collège d'Alma
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 2
Coopsco Lapocatière
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Coopsco Rivière-Du Loup
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA / Level 1
Coopsco Rimouski
coopsco.com

CAFÉTÉRIA DECELLES / Level 2
Coop HEC Montréal
coophec.ca

CAFÉTÉRIA PRINCIPALE / Level 2
Coop HEC Montréal
coophec.ca

CASSE-CROÛTE BOUCHE-TROU /
Level 2
Coopsco Lapocatière
coopsco.com

CEGEP de Saint-Jérôme / Level 2
Saint-Jérôme
cstj.qc.ca/services-au-grand-public/cafeteria/

CHIC ALORS! / Level 3
Québec
chic-alors.com

DÉLICES DU TERROIR - TRAITEUR /
Level 2
Montreal
delicesduterroir.com

**INSTITUT DE TOURISME ET
D'HÔTELLERIE** / Level 2
Montreal
ithq.qc.ca/en/institute/

MAISON BOIRE / Level 3
Granby
maisonboire.com

LE BISTRO / Level 2
Coopérative de Solidarité du
Cégep de Sherbrooke
coopsco.com

LEMÉAC / Level 2
Montreal
restaurantlemeac.com

RESTAURANT LE CERCLE / Level 2
Coop HEC Montréal
coophec.ca

SERVICES ALIMENTAIRES / Level 2
Coopsco Trois-Rivières au Collège
Shawinigan
coopsco.com



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