

# Updates 2024



## Sustainability In Practice (SIP) Certified

SIP Certified is a “living document” – as science, technology, and research developments become available, the Standards evolve with the expertise of Technical Advisory Committees and external peer review of the entire program every five years. This document shows changes made to the 2023 Information Package and Vineyard and Winery Standards which apply to 2024 documents.

## Certification Year and Documentation

SIP Certified for vineyards and wineries runs from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. Documentation should reflect practices from December 1, 2023 up until the inspection unless otherwise specified in the question. All documentation needs to be present in time for inspections between March 15 and July 15, 2024.

## How to Use the Updates

Under the Update column you will find the following information:

- Words in bold show changes made to the 2023 Information Package and Standards that apply to the 2024 documents.
- New = New rule or Standard practice. If the change is a new Standard it should be documented for applicants in all Cycles (1, 2, and 3).
- Edit = Any change including content, verbiage, and punctuation.
- Moved = Existing question moved to another section or chapter.
- Delete = A question that was removed.

Sustainably Yours,

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## Standards

### 2 Vineyard Acquisition, Establishment, and Management

Program	Question	Update	Type	Standard
V	2.1.3	Edit	ME	When conducting the vineyard soil suitability test prior to planting or purchasing, did you test each soil horizon <b>in the rooting zone</b> separately?
V	2.1.9	Delete	ME	<del>Did you utilize aerial photographs (either infrared or standard film) or other GPS technologies in the development and mapping of your vineyard site?</del>
V	2.1.9	Add	ME	<p><b>Was biochar incorporated into the soil prior to planting?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Made on site (4 pts.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Purchased (2 pts.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pts.)</p>

### 4 Vineyard Soil Conservation and Surface Water Quality

Program	Question	Update	Type	Standard
V	4.1.10	Delete	ME	<del>Do your diesel and gas tanks have secondary containment?</del>
V	4.2.10	Edit	ME	Are <del>devices</del> <b>systems</b> in place to prevent runoff and/or soil movement to public roads?
V	4.2.11	Edit	ME	<p>If vegetation is excluded below the vines throughout the year, the vegetative free area is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <del>&lt; 30" (4 pts.)</del></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <del>30 – 48" (2 pts.)</del></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <del>&gt; 48"</del></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No-Till (4 pts.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> &lt; 20% (2 pts.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> &gt; 20% (0 pts.)</p> <p>If yes, provide photo documentation with measuring tape.</p>

### 5 Water Conservation and Quality

Program	Question	Update	Type	Standard
V	5.2.4	Edit	Req	You must flush the irrigation lines at least annually <b>throughout</b> <del>during</del> the irrigation season.

## 7 Pollution and Waste

Program	Question	Update	Type	Standard
V	7.1.1	Edit	Req	<p>You must have a written program to eliminate offsite spray drift <b>that addresses but is not limited to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proper training for all persons making applications</b></li> <li>• <b>Calibration of application equipment</b></li> <li>• <b>Consideration of weather conditions including wind, rain/fog, and inversion layers</b></li> <li>• <b>Consideration for neighboring workforce and public interfaces</b></li> </ul>

## 8 Purchasing, Recycling, and Waste Reduction

Program	Question	Update	Type	Standard
W	8.3.3	Delete	ME	<del>Are your packaging and promotional materials printed using vegetable/soy or other low-VOC inks?</del>
W	8.3.4	Move	ME	<p>Do you use lightweight glass (less than 440 grams) to cut down on weight of freight and carbon footprint?</p> <p><b>Change position to 8.3.3</b></p>
W	8.3.5	Move	ME	<p>Is all packaging used for shipping made from recycled material (no Styrofoam)?</p> <p><b>Change position to 8.3.4</b></p>
W	8.3.6	Move	ME	<p>Is all packaging used for shipping the minimum size allowable, while still conforming to the carrier's requirements?</p> <p><b>Change position to 8.3.5</b></p>
W	8.3.7	Edit & Move	ME	<p>Have you implemented a paperless policy that replaces traditional invoicing, correspondence, and purchasing in administration and/or the tasting room (e.g. email, <del>e-fax</del>)?</p> <p><b>Change position to 8.3.6</b></p>
W	8.3.7	Add	ME	<p><b>Have you implemented a paperless policy to replace traditional work orders and picking tickets?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 pts.)  <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pts.)</p> <p><b>Attach policy.</b></p>