

# SUSTAINABILITY FACT SHEET



The Pasadena Convention Center is committed to being environmentally responsible and has long recognized the importance of sustainability efforts. We are continuously seeking ways to reduce our footprint and serve those in need. We are dedicated to environmental improvements that encourage social responsibility and economical improvements in our venue, community, and industry.

## WATER CONSERVATION

- Drought-resistant landscaping around the facility
- Combination of waterless urinals and low-flow units throughout the facility
- Motion-sensor faucets in all Convention Center restrooms
- Replaced 300 unfinished folding leg tables with 300 linenless tables that have an elegant, finished laminate top, reducing laundering needs

## ENERGY MANAGEMENT

- The facility is designed to perform 32% better than California's energy efficiency standards, thanks to our automated, high-efficiency lighting and equipment (including LED technology)
- Minimal lighting and air conditioning/heating levels are maintained during move-in/move-out days
- Motion-sensor lighting installed in administrative offices and public restrooms
- Energy-efficient central plant ensures the larger facility operates without adding to Southern California's electrical grid





## RECYCLING/WASTE DIVERSION

- Mixed recycling and organic waste recycling program for show and operational waste
- Energy efficient hand-dryers in restrooms
- Filtered water stations throughout the facility for guests to use in an effort to eliminate single-use plastics
- Cardboard compactor/baler onsite
- Mixed recycle bins throughout the facility
- Organic waste bin onsite to improve diversion stream
- Ability to provide donation coordination to show operators for excess food and show material items

## BUILDING FEATURES & AWARDS

- Building designed with 44% locally manufactured materials
- Meeting and banquet chairs are made from recycled plastic
- 98% of the construction waste from the Pasadena Convention Center's expansion project was recycled
- The expanded Pasadena Convention Center has been awarded the highly coveted LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification from the United States Green Building Council

## FOOD & BEVERAGE PRACTICES

- Responsible and local sourcing
- Waste reduction and diversion practices throughout service operations
- Supporting communities through food donations and volunteerism
- Biodegradable and compostable products in an effort to eliminate plastic waste
- Organic herb and vegetable garden onsite. This produce is used to prepare certain meals, make herb purees and dry rubs.
- Use of aluminum canned water to eliminate the use of single-use plastics for a more eco-friendly recyclable product
- Grease and oil used in the preparation of food is recycled
- Implementation of food waste reduction efforts by utilizing Sodexo Live! Proprietary WasteWatch program
- For more detailed information about Sodexo Live! initiatives and practices go to [visitpasadena.com/sustainability](http://visitpasadena.com/sustainability)

## ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

- PCOC encourages using public transportation and/or carpooling
- Public transit subsidy for employees
- Vanpool/carpool designated parking spaces in Center's parking structure
- 8 EV charging stations in our parking structure
- Bike racks around the facility for employees and guests