



Minneapolis Convention Center

Sustainability Initiatives

The Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC) is a proud industry leader in sustainability. Our business practices are recognized for going above and beyond when it comes to environmental responsibility in operating and managing our venue, which is LEED Certified by the U.S. Green Building Council.



WASTE

Front-of-house recycling stations recycle cardboard, paper, organics, cans and bottles, pallets, cooking oil, table cloths, sheet plastic, shrink wrap, carpet, wood, aggregate and landscape debris.

60% OF ALL WASTE
IS RECYCLED

All single-use food containers and utensils used on site are compostable.

4 Tons OF FOOD IS DONATED
EACH YEAR (APPROXIMATELY)

Non-consumed foods go to local non-profit organizations like People Serving People.

160 Tons

OF ORGANICS & FOOD SCRAPS ARE
USED FOR HOG FEED & COMPOSTING

Used grease is recycled for biodiesel and soap.



WATER

The MCC diverts an estimated

5.4 Million

GALLONS OF RUNOFF RAINWATER
ANNUALLY FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

and redirects it to our underground storage system for the facility's irrigation.

Kitchen areas and restrooms have been upgrade with fixtures that use 50% less water



ENERGY

Thousands of 600 KW rooftop solar panels provide on-site green sourced energy.

100% ELECTRICAL POWER IS OFFSET
BY WIND & SOLAR ENERGY

High speed roll-up doors have been installed to reduce energy loss during event load in and load out activity.

Building HVAC and lighting systems are continuously upgraded with efficient control and fixtures.



AIR QUALITY

Minneapolis Convention Center promotes a no idling policy for all trucks loading in or out of the center.

Smoking is not permitted within 25' of any entrance.

Internal air quality is monitored and recorded to maintain a safe environment for attendees.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Leftover food is donated to People Serving People.

Leftover event items are donated to a variety of local organizations.

Staff members team up to provide a variety of services to charitable organizations throughout the year.

CERTIFICATIONS



The MCC has received LEED v4 Certification for Existing Building Operations and Maintenance by the U.S. Green Building Council.



The MCC's sustainability initiatives have earned us a Gold Level certification to the Events Industry Council Sustainable Events Standards



The MCC's Urban Meadow Plaza was awarded Silver certification under the Sustainable SITES Initiative rating system for achievement in landscape sustainability. The MCC Plaza is the nation's first SITES certified project to be located at a convention center and the first ever SITES certified project in the Upper Midwest.



TRANSPORTATION

Most staff commute to work by bike, public transportation or carpool.

Metro Transit provides a free shuttle to link the Minneapolis Convention Center to downtown hospitality and the light rail.

Light-rail transit connects Minneapolis with the airport, Mall of America, Saint Paul and 43 other stations.

Minneapolis offers bike sharing systems and bike racks are available near most building entrances.



ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING

Food served at the Minneapolis Convention Center is sourced locally whenever possible.

Almost all cleaning products used in the Minneapolis Convention Center are Green Seal Certified.

Floor care equipment uses electrically activated water technology to clean carpeted surfaces without chemicals.

All chair and table linen fabric is sourced with recycled fiber content.

MORE FEATURES

- 2,613 Solar Panels
- Pollinator Park
- Rainwater Catch System
- Urban Meadows on the Plaza
- 40+ Bottle Filling Stations
- 100% LED Lighting

