

FOOD RESCUE

Second Helpings, a food rescue program, reclaims food after a food function and takes it to kitchens at their facility. Local residents are given the chance to participate in a job-training program. Under the supervision of trained chefs, these local residents learn to prepare food, which is given to homeless shelters and missions in Indianapolis. For meeting planners having receptions off site, Second Helping drivers will come with refrigerated trucks to pick up the food.

RECYCLE

The Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium recycled nearly 60 tons of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass and cardboard in the years 2010 alone – from Colts games to expos and mega meetings. In addition, the facilities have a program for wholesalers to recycle pallets. Paper and cooking oil are also recycled. A food waste pulper recycles dishwater and condenses waste before going into the landfill. In addition to its current recycling program, Lucas Oil Stadium implemented “The Enhanced Sports Stadium Recycling Program.” With the assistance and support from various governmental divisions in the city, the program’s mission increases recycling participation and improves the overall attitude of recycling at the city’s sports stadiums. Overall objectives of the program identified recyclables, developed and implemented a holistic recycling education campaign, increased awareness of recycling options, and increase recycling tonnage and improve the facility’s environmental impact.

BIODEGRADABLE

An entire line of biodegradable disposable serviceware products, giving meeting planners a green alternative to standard china and silverware, is available. The center uses Green Seal Certified cleaning products throughout the facility. Paper towel and tissue products are 100% recycled material.

ORGANIC & LOCAL

Strategic partnerships have been developed with local farmers to purchase seasonal fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and poultry.

BULK BUYS

Condiments are purchased in bulk at Lucas Oil Stadium. On request, arrangements can be made to purchase in bulk at the Indiana Convention Center.

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OPERATIONS

It is standard operating procedure to reduce lighting and HVAC during move in and out in exhibit halls and in unoccupied areas of the building. Escalators are also scheduled according to in-house groups.

High-efficiency exterior Visionwall® curtainwall glass throughout the Convention Center helps keep energy use low. Building design allows us to use natural daylight in most lobby areas and exterior lighting is on low level on non-event days at Lucas Oil Stadium. Meeting rooms and lobby areas utilize compact fluorescent lamps and exhibit halls provide more efficient lower wattage lamps with the same light output. Lucas Oil Stadium has several energy saving materials including a retractable roof, CPI Daylighting system and Big Ass® Fans that are designed to move the maximum amount of air with minimal energy consumption.

WATER

In an effort to save water, the center provides water stations rather than individual bottles for attendees. Sink faucets are sensory guided to use less water. In the public areas of the facility, the toilets have low flow valves with automatic flush. Also, for clean up, all parking lots are swept – not sprayed – saving this valuable resource. Storm water infiltration basins separates storm water from oils and grease before traveling to nearby waterways.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

During demolition of the RCA Dome, a large portion of the roof was donated to Indy Parks to be used for shelters and canopies. Local charities received furniture, kitchen equipment, televisions and other building equipment.

Our staff assists local charities in acquiring left-over convention tote bags from events. Extra bags are occasionally donated to a foster children program to be used as overnight bags.

VENDORS

We are proud to purchase supplies from eco-minded vendors including US Foodservice, Fineline Printing, St. Clair Press, and HP Products. Many of our exhibit services providers such as Markey’s Rental & Staging; Fern Exposition and Event Services, Freeman Exhibit Services, Excel Convention & Exposition Services maintain “green philosophies.”

WALKABLE

With over 5,000 hotel rooms, 200 restaurants and 50 attractions within walking distance of the center, attendees can walk while convening. Indy’s walk-ability keeps transportation costs down.