



SUSTAINABILITY AT THE CCC

QUICK FACTS

Q: What can be recycled at Colorado Convention Center?

A: The CCC operates a single stream recycling program. This means that at each trash can, you will find a recycling bin. In this bin we accept: ALL paper, aluminum and tin, glass (all colors), and plastic containers with the numbers 1-6 on the bottom.

Q: How do we donate leftover conference materials?

A: We have a Reclaim Room at the center to help accommodate unused or unwanted conference materials that can be reused. If interested in donating materials, please consolidate into one location (preferably on the Exhibit Hall level if possible). Contact the Sustainable Program Manager at 303.681.1768 or ask your Event Manager to let them know you would like to donate these materials and the pickup location.

Q: What materials are accepted in the Reclaim Room?

A: Common items for the Reclaim Room include: vinyl banners, water bottles, unbroken foam core, conference bags, conference giveaways, and set props. If you have questions about what can be donated please contact the Sustainable Programs Manager at 303.681.1768 or ask your Event Manager.

Q: Where do these materials go?

A: There are several outlets for these materials. Some of these include the following:
RAFT (Resource Area for Teachers) – www.raftcolorado.org
Food Bank of the Rockies – www.foodbankrockies.org
Bolder Path – www.bolderpath.com
Resource Yard – www.resourceyard.org

Q: Can I have compost collection happen at my event?

A: The CCC has a compost collection program in the back of house. This program collects food waste, paper towels, and yard waste. If you would like to implement a Front of House compost program for your attendees, we offer two options.

- **Option 1:** We place a compost bin at each trash and recycling bin, creating a Resource Recovery station. These stations need to be “manned” by volunteers that help ensure only compostable materials go into the compost bin. This is a great opportunity to educate your attendees on your sustainable goals and the waste stream.
- **Option 2:** The client works with Centerplate to ensure that all materials coming out of the food function are compostable. This includes all elements

of the box lunch (no chip bags or cookie wrappers). We place compost collection bins in food areas only.

Q: What are your green cleaning policies?

A: The CCC has a very advanced green cleaning policy focusing on both practices and products. In fact over 90% of our housecleaning materials are either certified by Green Seal or the equivalent. For a detailed look at this policy, please contact the Sustainable Program Manager at 303.681.1768.

Q: Do you utilize types of alternative energy?

A: In 2009 the CCC installed a 300kw roof top solar array that generates approximately 350,000kwh per year.

Q: My group would like to offer a volunteer project while in Denver. What do you recommend?

A: In 2010, the CCC adopted 8 acres of land along the Platte River to maintain in its natural habitat. The CCC can help organize a volunteer project with your attendees with this area. This experience includes an ecology talk by a natural ecologist and is only 20 minutes walking distance from the center. Contact the Sustainable Program Manager at 303.681.1768 for more information on this opportunity or a list of others.

Q: Does the CCC have any Third Party Certifications or recognitions?

A: Yes, the CCC has received recognition through a third party certification:

- Gold LEED Existing Building Operation and Maintenance certification by the US Green Building Council.
- [ASTM/APEX](#) Sustainable Venue Level 2 certification.
- ISO 14001 Certification as part of the CCC City and County of Denver overall certification.

Q: We would like to calculate and offset our event's carbon footprint. Can you help?

A: The VISIT DENVER website has a FREE Carbon Calculator. This calculates attendee, supplier, and organizer travel, as well as use of the venue. The calculator is connected to the Colorado Carbon Fund which helps to support projects located in the State of Colorado. For more information, visit www.denver.org/convention/green/event-calculator.

Other questions or ideas? Contact Lindsay Arell
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