

PCC GREEN INITIATIVES

The Pennsylvania Convention Center is committed to reducing the environmental impact of our operations and services by becoming environmentally responsible in providing the following:

Low Environmental Impact Cleaning Policy

The PCC is committed to improving the air quality and creating a healthier indoor environment for building personnel and visitors by using cleaning chemicals that are green seal certified and equipment that helps to contribute to the USGBC leadership in energy and environmental design program for existing buildings rating system. This policy reduces the exposure of building occupants to potentially hazardous chemical, biological and particulate contaminants, which adversely impact air quality, health, building systems and the environment. We are reducing the buildings overall carbon foot print by implementing a cleaning program using fewer materials; along with equipment that is designed to remove pollutants, uses less chemicals and reduced water usage.

Waste Reduction/Recycling

The PCC recycles paper, aluminum, glass bottles and jars, plastic containers, and metal. Cardboard is compacted and recycled from the exhibitions show floor. Recycled containers are placed throughout the building. We can provide our customers with a waste report at the end of their event outlining the different waste streams generated and disposed of for future references on how they have contributed to helping the environment. In fiscal year's 2007 & 2008 the Center recycled and diverted a combined 299.83 tons (599,660 Pounds) of waste from our landfills helping to reduce the impact on the environment.

Food & Beverage:

Aramark/SFS provides sustainable cutlery, hot/cold beverage cups, napkins and plates made of 100% decomposable and biodegradable materials. Some cooking recipes now call for organically grown vegetables and fruits purchased from local purveyors.

Low Environmental Impact Pest Management Policy

The Center utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM). IPM is an environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common sense practices which uses current comprehensive information on the life cycle of pests, and their interaction with the environment. This information in combination with available pest control methods is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Restroom Upgrades

Restroom paper products are made from recycled products. Hand soap and cleaning products are green seal certified. Installation of automatic dispensers for water, soap and paper products saves on waste consumption. Automatic lighting helps to reduce energy costs.

The Pennsylvania Convention Center will continue to strive for and improve these initiatives in a continuing effort to make improvements in air quality, waste minimization, energy efficiency, water conservation and environmental purchasing in the operation and services provided to our staff and visitors.