

Sustainability Programs

The Moscone Center Recycling Program 1998-2007

The recycling program today targets materials from all areas and sources, ranging from foam core signage and vinyl banners to cardboard, broken wooden pallets and scrap metal. Donations route reusable excess product to local agencies for reuse.

- Nearly 2 million pounds is diverted annually from the city's landfill.
- Nearly 20% of that total is comprised of donations to local area nonprofits.

Winner of Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, State of California, Special Congressional Recognition, U.S. House of Representatives, Environmental Leadership Award of Excellence, U.S. E.P.A.

The Moscone Center's Composting Program 2007

The newest and most ambitious phase is a food composting program that captures all organic material from food service operations. While a kitchen-based program has been in place for some time, this newest phase includes capturing all food material as well as compostable serveware and utensils from all concession and catering locations throughout Moscone North, South, and West.

- Over 25,000 meals served in look-alike compostable containers instead of plastic
- Over 12 tons of food scraps composted to date

The Moscone Center's Energy Efficiency 2003-2007

Installed and launched in March 2004 by Mayor Gavin Newsom and officials from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the photovoltaic system atop Moscone South's Esplanade Ballroom and South lobby roof consists of the 675kW rooftop solar system and the extensive exhibit hall lighting system retrofit which converted 5,000 light bulbs from incandescent T12 fluorescent and mercury vapor to compact fluorescent lamps, T8 fluorescents and metal halide fixtures. Together the building's lighting retrofit and the solar system displace 1,933 tons of carbon dioxide annually.

Other Measures at The Moscone Center

- 2007 restroom retrofit installing high efficiency flush valves.
- 2006 installation of variable speed drives on cooling tower fans.

Purchasing and Contract Compliance at The Moscone Center

Policies and procedures place emphasis on sustainability in all purchasing activities.