



WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY



The Vancouver Convention Centre's iconic West building was awarded LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification (version 4) for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance by the Canada Green Building Council in 2017. Coupled with our 2010 Platinum certification for New Construction, our facility is the first double LEED Platinum convention centre in the world.

As an organization committed to global leadership in environmental sustainability, we are proud to work with our clients and partners to create events that employ sustainable practices and protect the environment.

For an event planner that chooses the Vancouver Convention Centre, you will already reduce the environmental impact of your event as our facility incorporates many sustainable practices into daily operations – such as recycling, composting, water and energy efficient building systems, use of green certified cleaning products and operating a scratch kitchen for catering.

As part of our sustainability program, we are committed to reducing the amount of waste (materials that cannot be recycled, composted, donated or reused) that is brought into and left behind in our facility. The following information will support you in managing items that are prohibited in our facility and waste handling practices for those items that will be recycled, reused or disposed to minimize our impact on the environment.

The following items are prohibited and not allowed in the facility:

- Any hazardous substance or item containing a hazardous substance (e.g. PCBs, asbestos, biohazard waste)

The following items are permitted in the facility, but must be removed by the end of the event:

- Banners and/or table cloths (vinyl)
- Carpet, carpet scraps or carpet padding
- Items that cannot be donated such as plaques or trophies
- Any signage that cannot be recycled or reused, including decals or window clings
- Foam core signage
- Helium balloons
- Single use plastic bags used for purchases and conference bags provided by show management or vendors to collect show items
- Construction debris (lumber, plywood, particle board, metal equipment and scraps, concrete, brick, porcelain, pavers, asphalt, PVC pipe)

The Convention Centre will provide open bins for exhibitors, decorators and attendees at a cost. Please discuss this option with your Event Manager.

The following items can be recycled:

- Styrofoam (pellets and white packaging only)**
- Cardboard boxes and signs**
- Food scraps **COMPOSTABLE**
- Glass bottles and jars
- Kitchen grease
- Paper and newsprint
- Wood (uncoated, untreated) **
- Plastic film and shrink wrap
- Plastic containers
- Metal and aluminum containers
- Electronics, furniture or equipment
- Pallets
- Plants, trees and yard debris **COMPOSTABLE**

** For very large quantities, pre-approval is required and additional fees may apply (fee to be quoted based on size and amount of waste).

Note: Any items not listed here, please contact and discuss with your Event Manager.

Items for donation:

- Items left behind after an event for donation must first obtain pre-approval from the Event Manager to ensure items can be donated. Details must be provided in writing regarding the materials being left behind (type and quantity), as well as pick-up details (time, number of trucks required).
- Management of donation of items at the end of an event is the Client's responsibility. However with advanced notice, the Vancouver Convention Centre will coordinate this with you upon request.
- The Vancouver Convention Centre's Sustainability Coordinator will advise on items that can be reused and recycled and provide information for companies seeking donations. Items that work well for donation: non-perishable pre-packaged food items within their expiration dates, conference bags and giveaways, wood construction materials that have not been painted, gently used carpet that has not been cut.



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