

# GREEN BUILDING



## Oregon Convention Center

- Exhibit space:** 255,000 square feet, divisible into 30,000-square-foot or 60,000-square foot halls.
- Meeting space:** 50 meeting rooms grouped into six areas, each with its own lobby area; two ball-rooms, one offering 25,200 square feet of space, and one offering 34,200 square feet of space.
- Hotels:** 1,100 rooms within walking distance of the center; 5,500 rooms citywide.
- Key features:** Besides being an environmentally friendly building, the center offers the latest high-tech features, such as a massive fiber-optic backbone, Wi-Fi Internet access and the ability to deliver specialty features upon request. The center also offers an in-house A/V team and world-class Food & Beverage service.
- Fast fact:** The Oregon Convention Center was the first U.S. convention center to receive LEED®-EB certification for an existing building under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) program.

## Top 5 Green Initiatives

1. The Oregon Convention Center (OCC) offers a waste recycling and recovery program that includes pre-and post-consumer organic waste, cardboard, newspaper, plastics, glass bottles, wood pallets, cooking oil and landscaping trimmings. All public areas inside the OCC have convenient, clearly marked recycling barrels for easy sorting.
  2. ARAMARK also takes measures to conserve at the OCC. For example, the company serves condiments in large containers rather than wasteful individual packets. It also composts food waste and uses local, organically grown products whenever possible. ARAMARK even offers entire sustainable menu selections.
  3. OCC's Rain Garden features an extensive system that takes rainwater from the facility's roof and filters it through a series of settling ponds and landscaping before it's released into the nearby Willamette River.
  4. The grounds and the building exteriors are both designed to reduce the "heat islands" produced by asphalt, concrete or open hard-
  5. surface roofs. The use of natural habitat vegetation in landscaping and the facility's roof design meet Energy Star requirements for emissivity and reflectance.
- OCC is a top-level supporter of the Blue Sky program, Pacific Power's voluntary wind-power purchase program. The Blue Sky program is one of three options giving Pacific Power's Oregon customers a way to help grow the demand for renewable energy.

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## Welcome to the OCC

The Oregon Convention Center (OCC) is the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, making it an ideal venue for conventions, industry trade shows, meetings, and banquets. Located in beautiful and lively downtown Portland, Oregon, the OCC is the preferred destination for many groups because of its commitment to customer service and leadership in sustainable practices.

An Oregon Convention Center green team manages and advances the facility's sustainability efforts. This employee committee works to educate staff, clients and vendor partners on the importance of working with the OCC toward a sustainable future.

To encourage employees to use public mass transit when commuting, the center participates in the Lloyd District Transportation Management Association's Passport Program that provides reduced transit fares.

## Certifications & Awards

- In September 2008, the Oregon Convention Center was recertified with the LEED®-EB Silver rating from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) under its "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design in the Existing Buildings" category. Making it the first convention center in the nation to achieve recertification at a higher rating.
- First convention center in the U.S. to earn Salmon-Safe certification. The designation was awarded for safeguards the facility deployed to protect water quality and Pacific salmon habitat, as well as commitments the organization has made to further reduce its environmental impact over time.
- 2003 BEST Award (Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tomorrow) for its innovative "Rain Garden" storm water management system.



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Sustainable practices are at the heart of the Oregon Convention Center's operation and planning. Through facility design, operational practices, and energy and resource conservation programs, the OCC stands as an example for the region and nation of what is achievable with wise resource planning and a conservation ethic. In seeking to enhance the quality of life in Portland by meeting the needs for environmental, social and economic well being, the OCC will ensure that its decisions and activities are to the long-term benefit of its customers, its partners, and the community.

## Transportation:

- Portland's extensive mass transit system, operated by TriMet, includes buses, light rail and street cars. In addition to its own stop on the MAX light rail, the Oregon Convention Center is accessible within one block of 16 different transit routes.
- By light rail, we are a 30-40 minute ride from the airport and the fare is \$2.30 per person.
- We promote commuting via bicycle and provide multiple bike racks throughout the property.

## Recycling:

The Oregon Convention Center recycles the following items:

- Brochures, cardboard, batteries, glass, lamps
- Magazines, newsprint, organics, pallets, plastic bottles
- Clear sheet plastic, plastic table cloths (for exhibits), shrink wrap
- Tin, wood, yard debris

## Food & Beverage:

- ARAMARK/Giacometti Partners Ltd., our food service contractor, is a partner in the City of Portland's Organic Waste Recycling program.
- They use, upon request, reusable cutlery, dishware, linens and decorations.
- They also have condiments, beverages and other food items provided in bulk instead of individually packaged.
- Pre- and post-consumer food items are recovered for composting.
- They choose to use locally-grown and organic produce wherever possible.
- They donate unused, pre-consumer meals to local homeless shelters.

## Energy & Water

- **Renewable Energy:** We participate in Pacific Power's Blue Sky program as a Visionary partner, supporting renewable energy development in our region by purchasing wind power equal to 40% of our electric use.
- **Lighting:** Our building has been upgraded with energy efficient lighting and the building design allows us to utilize daylighting in most of our lobby areas. We set low lighting levels during event set up and tear down, and use conservative lighting schedules during non-event hours.
- **Water Conservation:** On the South End of our building the toilets have automatic flush with low flow valves and the sink faucets are sensory guided so they use less water. The North End uses automatic shut off valves on the faucets to help reduce water waste and the toilets have dual low flow valves as well.

## Operations:

- Our staff is instructed to recycle within their departments, turn off lights in unused areas of the building and reduce the use of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) when rooms are vacant.
- We provide Recycle Stations for cardboard, paper, cans, plastic and glass in all of the exhibit halls.
- We ensure that our operations staff is trained to keep recyclable and reusable items out of the garbage.
- We use green cleaning products throughout the building. All paper towel and tissue is made from 100% recycled material from a local manufacturer.
- We collect used grease and oil from our kitchen which is then used for remanufacturing by our service provider.

## General Office Procedures:

- We reduce paper usage as much as possible by using the web and e-mail to send contracts, addendums, event documents, promote events and communicate with clients.
- We encourage employees to turn off equipment and lighting, and turn down thermostats when leaving for extended periods of time.
- We use multipurpose office equipment and print documents double sided.

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## FY 2007-2008 Recycling Report

Item	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Cardboard	14.11	16.35	18.33	21.82	70.61
Newspaper	2.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.60
Glass	5.98	0.00	3.93	4.78	14.69
Tin	1.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.56
Paper	3.12	0.00	2.86	4.90	10.88
Co-Mingle*	0.00	15.80	6.35	3.93	26.08
Plastic	1.30	0.00	3.85	0.00	5.15
Yard Debris	0.00	2.07	0.00	0.00	2.07
Vinyl	0.00	0.00	6.99	1.71	8.70
Wood	1.19	3.05	3.81	4.79	12.84
Metal	2.78	3.53	2.42	0.08	8.81
Organic Waste	20.89	22.85	19.59	35.50	98.83
Donated Pre-Consumer Food	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.06	3.06
<b>Recycling Total</b>	<b>53.53</b>	<b>63.65</b>	<b>68.13</b>	<b>80.57</b>	<b>265.88</b>
Waste	72.11	66.62	122.54	82.93	344.20
<b>Diversion Rate**</b>	<b>42.61%</b>	<b>48.86%</b>	<b>35.73%</b>	<b>49.28%</b>	<b>43.58%</b>



## FY 2008-2009 Recycling Report

Item	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Cardboard	17.98				17.98
Mixed Paper	3.66				3.66
Glass	1.65				1.65
Co-Mingle*	2.30				2.30
Vinyl	0.00				0.00
Wood	2.77				2.77
Electronics	1.78				1.78
Metal	2.68				2.68
Paint	0.00				0.00
Organic Waste	20.77				20.77
Donated Pre-Consumer Food	1.61				1.61
<b>Recycling Total</b>	<b>55.20</b>				<b>55.20</b>
Waste	51.63				51.63
<b>Diversion Rate**</b>	<b>51.67%</b>				<b>51.67%</b>



\*Co-Mingle is a new line item and replaces: paper, newspaper, tin and plastic. We will still have amounts for these items if they are kept separate, i.e. pallets of left over brochures will be listed under paper.

\*\* Diversion Rate is the total amount of materials diverted from going to the landfill.