

Sustainability Quick Facts



Q: What can be recycled at the 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 accommodate unused or unwanted conference materials that can be reused. To donate materials, please consolidate them into one location (preferably on the Exhibit Hall level). Contact the Sustainable Program Manager at 303.681.1768 or inform your Event Manager about the donation and pickup location.

Q: What materials are accepted in the Reclaim Room?

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

Q: Where do these materials go?

A: Materials are distributed to various outlets, including:

- [RAFT \(Resource Area for Teachers\)](#)
- [Food Bank of the Rockies](#)
- [Bolder Path](#)
- [Resource Yard](#)

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

A: The CCC has a back-of-house compost collection program for food waste, paper towels, and yard waste. For a Front of House compost program, we offer two options:

- Option 1: Compost bins at each trash and recycling bin, creating a Resource Recovery station. These stations need to be staffed by volunteers to ensure only compostable materials are deposited.
- Option 2: Work with Centerplate to ensure all food function materials are compostable. Compost collection bins are placed in food areas only.



Q: What are your green cleaning policies?

A: The CCC has an advanced green cleaning policy focusing on sustainable practices and products. Over 90% of our cleaning materials are certified by Green Seal or an equivalent. For detailed information, contact the Sustainable Program Manager at 303.681.1768.

Q: Do you utilize alternative energy?

A: Yes, in 2009, the CCC installed a 300 kW rooftop solar array that generates approximately 350,000 kWh per year.

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

A: <https://www.denver.org/meetings/meeting-services/voluntourism/>

Q: Does the CCC have any third-party certifications or recognitions?

A: Yes, the CCC has received several certifications:

- 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 offers a free Carbon Calculator. This tool calculates attendee, supplier, and organizer travel, as well as venue usage. It is connected to the Colorado Carbon Fund, supporting projects in Colorado. For more information, visit [VISIT DENVER's carbon calculator](#).

