

NEW ORLEANS
ERNEST N. MORIAL
CONVENTION CENTER

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS AT THE NEW ORLEANS ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER

OUR GOALS

The Convention Center team is committed to reducing environmental impacts and helping our customers meet their sustainability goals.

LEED GOLD CERTIFIED BUILDING

In 2022, the Convention Center earned LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification v4.1 O+M, underscoring our commitment to sustainable building operations.

Our initiatives and offerings for clients include:

RECYCLING

We continue to expand our recycling program for attendees and exhibitors with multiple recycling areas for attendees in the front of the house, and dedicated collection areas for cardboard, metal, pallets and plastic in the back of house. We diverted over 400,000 lbs. of material from landfills through our recycling programs in 2022. Glass recycling is available with Glass Half Full by request.

COMPOSTING

Our food service provider, **Sodexo Live!**, composts organic kitchen waste, and most serving-ware is plastic-free and made of biodegradable materials. China or fully compostable serving-ware sets and composting for event food and beverage areas are available upon request. An additional fee of $2++ per person may apply.

FOOD DONATIONS

Sodexo Live! coordinates food donations to local partners including Bethel Colony and other local organizations, which collectively received over 64,000 lbs. of donated food in 2019.

EVENT DONATIONS

New Orleans & Company can coordinate event donations, with access to a wide network of local organizations.

METRICS

We can track sustainability metrics and provide events with an Impact Report upon request. Entronix energy meters facilitate energy tracking for events. Bottles filling counts also available on request.

Our Sustainable Facility includes:

WATER

We have significantly reduced the facility's water use by upgrading our cooling towers and installing low-flow fixtures in upgraded sets of restrooms. Clients can take advantage of recently installed 87 water bottle filling stations throughout the Convention Center, with approximately 270,000 bottles saved to date.

PARK

The new 7.5-acre Pedestrian Park adjacent to our facility features 200 trees, rain gardens and native species, as well as benches, landscaping and lighting for outdoor events.

ENERGY USE

We are working to minimize the Convention Center's energy use through practices such as automated scheduling, turning off escalators in unoccupied areas and reducing light and HVAC requirements for unoccupied spaces. We recently completed the largest energy efficiency project in the region, with significant facility upgrades designed for long term energy savings including replacing over 4,000 exhibit hall light fixtures with LEDs.

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