

CURRENT COBO CENTER GREEN PRACTICES

The Cobo Center Green Committee meets several times monthly to promote sustainability practices and Green initiatives, and has members from every department and in-house contracting company.

The glass-enclosed Concourse area on the main level and the third floor corridor glass ceiling provide enough natural light during daytime hours to minimize main hallway daytime lighting throughout Cobo Center.

Induction lighting is currently being installed in the Cobo Center with an expected 40% reduction in electric usage for lighting.

Cobo Center is air conditioned by pumping grey water from the Detroit River through chillers that then send the cool water to various air handlers, providing cooling to zoned areas in the facility. This system uses considerably less electricity than conventional air conditioning units.

All main hall lighting and heat/cool settings are computer programmed and managed.

Paper, aluminum can and plastic bottle recycling containers are placed in all office areas and high traffic meeting areas throughout the facility for aggressive recycling.

Escalators in the building are being replaced with energy efficient, Kone EcoMod units. All escalators run based on occupancy and event needs.

All in-house contractors participate in Cobo recycling and Green initiatives.

The current Cobo Center \$299 million facility upgrade scheduled for completion in 2015 plans to incorporate numerous green building components.

The Cobo Center housekeeping staff uses products that are environmentally safe and non-toxic.

All pallets are recycled to a local area vendor.

Centerplate, the Cobo Center exclusive food and beverage contractor collects prepared food that has not been served for pick up by Forgotten Harvest, a local company that delivers the food to pantries, soup kitchens and shelters throughout Southeastern Michigan.



CONTAMINATION

Quality recyclables refers to the extent to which the materials being collected at the Cobo Center are clean, consistent, and contaminant-free. Contamination means mixing garbage with things that can be recycled. Although some contamination is to be expected and can be removed during the sorting process, especially from containers in public and exhibit floor areas – processors may not accept materials that are heavily contaminated. These will be disposed of, and that completely defeats the purpose of recycling!

Remember the Golden Rule of Recycling: Do not mix trash in with recyclables. “Keep it Separate, Keep it Clean”.

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GREEN COMMITTEE



GO GREEN

The Cobo Center commitment to environmental stewardship in our community is demonstrated by our continuous efforts to investigate, validate and implement new and innovative Green initiatives throughout the facility, and by our programs designed to educate our employees, vendors, customers, partners and visitors in the importance of the sustainability of our environment.



Exhibitor and Public Areas



A GREENER COBO BEGINS WITH YOU

Let every individual and institution now think and act as a responsible trustee of Earth, seeking choices in ecology, economics and ethics that will provide a sustainable future, eliminate pollution, poverty and violence, awaken the wonder of life and foster peaceful progress in the human adventure.

— John McConnell, founder of International Earth Day

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

All stakeholders are expected to participate in and help advance the Cobo Center's recycling program. Exhibitors will be made aware of Cobo's recycling policies prior to move-in through promoter pre-event meetings and exhibitor information packets.

Exhibitor responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Collecting flattened corrugated cardboard during move-in and teardown.

Placing recyclables in appropriate recycling containers on exhibit floors.

Marking donation merchandise, leftover boxed literature, and other leftover materials for Cobo staff to recover for recycling.



The Cobo Center sales team and event managers are ready to answer any questions you may have about Cobo's recycling program.

The following are common types of recyclables being generated in exhibitor and service areas of the Cobo Center, which are or can be recovered for recycling:

Corrugated cardboard

Paper products (literature, mixed papers)

Plastic products (beverage/food containers)

Donation merchandise from exhibitors

Boxed literature leftovers from exhibitors

Foam core signage

Carpet padding

Carpet

Wood pallets

Surplus food from catering events

Pre-consumer food waste

Metal cans (commercial size)

Glass

Paper products

Aluminum cans (beverage containers)

It will take concerted effort from all of us to ensure that our Green initiatives carry value for our customers, community and businesses. Together, we will succeed, and our success will be everyone's success.