

- **FOOD RESCUE:** There's a food rescue program that conventions are automatically signed up for called Second Helpings. The organization reclaims food after a banquet and takes it to kitchens at their facility. Local residents are given the chance to participate in a job-training program. Under the supervision of trained chefs, these local residents learn to prepare food, which is given to homeless shelters and missions in Indianapolis. For meeting planners having receptions off site, Second Helping drivers will come with refrigerated trucks to pick up the food.
- **RECYCLE:** The Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium recycles more than 200,000 cans on an annual basis – from Colts games to expos and mega meetings. In addition, the facilities have a program for wholesalers to recycle pallets. Paper and cooking oil is also recycled.
- **BIODEGRADABLE:** The center has also developed an entire line of biodegradable disposable serviceware products, giving meeting planners a green alternative to standard china and silverware. The center uses Green Seal Certified cleaning products throughout the facility. Paper towel and tissue products are 100% recycled material.
- **ORGANIC & LOCAL:** A strategic partnership has been developed with a local organic dairy farm, Traders Point Creamery, to help planners source milk, cheese and yogurt for receptions desiring organic components. Also, the center utilizes local produce, including fresh fruits.
- **BULK BUYS:** Condiments are purchased in bulk at Lucas Oil Stadium. On request, arrangements can be made to purchase in bulk at the Indiana Convention Center.
- **OPERATIONS:** It is standard operating procedure to reduce lighting and HVAC during move in and out in exhibit halls and in unoccupied areas of the building. Escalators are also scheduled according to in-house groups.

Building design allows us to use natural daylight in most lobby areas and exterior lighting is on low level on non-event days at Lucas Oil Stadium. Meeting rooms and lobby areas utilize compact fluorescent lamps and exhibit halls provide more efficient lower wattage lamps with the same light output. Lucas Oil Stadium has several energy saving materials including a retractable roof, CPI Daylighting system and Big Ass® Fans that are designed to move the maximum amount of air with minimal energy consumption.

- **WATER:** In an effort to save water, the center provides water stations rather than individual bottles for attendees. Sink faucets are sensory guided to use less water. In the public areas of the facility, the toilets have low flow valves with automatic flush. Also, for clean up, all parking lots are swept – not sprayed – saving this valuable resource.
- **WALKABLE:** With over 5,000 hotel rooms, 200 restaurants and 50 attractions within walking distance of the center, attendees can walk while convening. Indy's walk-ability keeps transportation costs down. IndyGo public transportation picks up outside our door for a quick ride to the airport.
- **GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY:** During demolition of the RCA Dome, a large portion of the roof was donated to Indy Parks to be used for shelters and canopies. Local charities received furniture, kitchen equipment, televisions and other building equipment.

Concrete from the RCA Dome was crushed and is being used on-site for the convention center expansion. Metal was separated and recycled, seats were sent to schools or athletic facilities, carpet was sent to a special recycling center where it was taken apart and the majority was kept out of the landfill.

Our staff assisted the Indiana Recycling Organization in acquiring left-over convention tote bags for an event. Extra bags are occasionally donated to a foster children program to be used as overnight bags.

- **VENDORS:** We are proud to purchase supplies from eco-minded vendors including US Foodservice, Finline Printing, St. Clair Press, and HP Products. Many of our exhibit services providers such as Markey's Stage & Rental; George E. Fern Company Convention Services, Freeman Exhibit Services, Excel Convention & Exposition Services maintain "green philosophies."

We are happy to assist in-house groups with their "green" requests.