McCormick Place has committed itself to conservation and ecologically sustainable initiatives since 2007. We value a healthy and thriving environment, and achieve this by prioritizing sustainable green policies as one of our top five business strategies. We continue to find ways to adapt existing practices to be more green, and plans for the future of McCormick Place venues have sustainability in mind. The switch to renewable energy and LEED certified building is proof of our green commitment and our Green Action Team works to customize green initiatives for every McCormick Place event. We continually work with partners, providers, and city leaders to incorporate new sustainable options at our venue. Look for the latest green policies from McCormick Place in six areas: Energy, Air Quality, Water, Waste Management, Procurement, and Community Partnerships.
Facility Operations has completed many energy-saving projects, which have reduced energy consumption by 1.6 million kWh annually. These savings are equivalent to 126,556 Gallons of gas consumed, 423 Tons of waste instead of sending to landfill, and 4.9 Railcars of coal.

- **Lighting Upgrades Campus Wide**
  - Replaced 20,000 T12 lamps with T8 Lamps
  - Replaced all Passenger elevators lighting with LED
  - Interior LED lighting on LSD Bridge and Fountain
  - Installed occupancy sensors in all West and South Building public washrooms.

- **Other Energy-Saving Projects**
  - Upgraded North Building Escalators
  - VFDs Energy Center

McCormick Place very proudly announces our newest partner in our green efforts… Green-e Energy certified renewable energy certificates (RECs). The RECS will offset 100% the electricity use at McCormick Place. The RECs will guarantee that an equal amount of renewable energy is delivered to the electric grid and will provide carbon avoidance of an estimated 730,931,248 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions.
McCormick Place promotes alternate public transportation as an environmentally friendly mode of travel.

You can access our facility by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTR) bus and train lines.

We have our own stop on the METRA Electric commuter railroad, connecting McCormick Place to the heart of the Loop.

We are a cyclist-friendly venue, with bike rack locations for two-wheeled commuters.

Enforcement of anti-idling and non-smoking policies also improves air quality.
Lake Michigan provides Chicago with an abundant source of fresh, clean water. We want to ensure the continued health of such a valuable natural resource, and to reflect water-efficient strategies in our daily operations.

We encourage the shift from bottled water to the waste-reducing and environmentally responsible, refillable water bottles.

McCormick Place provides contractors with water dispensers, as well as options to utilize the City of Chicago’s water.

McCormick Place also provides water stations for meetings rooms and public spaces used for program and education sessions, as well as water service to head tables.

McCormick Place 2015 water conservation goal is to reduce water usage by 10%
McCormick Place has taken a close look at our waste management, and developed a multi-approach strategy to reduce waste, reuse more, and recycle effectively.

This strategy applies to all aspects of our convention center.

We encourage refillable water sources and double-sided printing, to avoid creating unneeded plastic and paper waste.

Our kitchen composts natural food products, and donates extra food to local food banks.

To Increase Annual Diversion Rate by 10% we have added Meeting Room Recycling Containers and two High Density Recycling Compactors in the South Building.
Reducing our environmental impact requires cooperation and collaboration. McCormick place embraces the opportunity for alliance with teams committed to green initiatives.

Our new food service provider, SAVOR...is an industry leader for environmental sustainability. SAVOR...tends the two-acre rooftop garden at McCormick Place.

This conserves heating and cooling energy, and provides a local source of herbs and vegetables. SAVOR...also purchases produce, meats and seafood from local markets. We compost waste whenever possible.

McCormick Place encourages sustainable efforts through education, defined expectations and by example.

If you are a service partner, customer or vendor, and have new ideas about incorporating green initiatives into your event, we look forward to your partnership and welcome your feedback.
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The McCormick Place environmental sustainability program and commitment to a green planet continue to evolve as we incorporate improved ways to manage energy, waste, water, and community partnerships.

McCormick Place values the commitment to a sustainable environment for all conventions, educational programs, meetings and special events. We look forward to a successful green partnership with your organization.

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