

FOOD RESCUE

Second Helpings, a food rescue program, reclaims food after a food function and takes it to their kitchens. Local residents, under the supervision of training chefs, participate in a job training program, learning to prepare food donated to home- less shelters and missions. Donations are also often made to local food banks.

RECYCLE

The Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium (ICCLOS) recycles approximately 100 tons of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass and cardboard annually -- from Colts games to expos and mega meetings. In addition, the facilities have a program to recycle pallets, paper and cooking oil. Batteries, light bulbs and computers are recycled to local organizations. A cardboard bailer compacts cardboard, making it easier to pick up. A food waste pulper recycles dishwasher and condenses waste before going into the landfill. ICCLOS also works directly with clients to implement event specific sustainability programs when requested. Lucas Oil Stadium recycled 6.34 tons of comingled materials and cardboard packaging in 2012 from Super Bowl XLVI. We worked diligently with local partners Coca-Cola Consolidated and Republic Services to achieve the goal of getting every bottle and can back from games and practices during the month of the 2021 NCAA March Madness and Final Four. Ninety-Eight percent of all bottles and cans consumed were collected and sent on a direct route to be recycled into new bottles and cans. During the 2022 College Football Playoff Championship weekend, 36 tons of comingled recycling and 25 tons of food waste were collected. We continue to strive towards increased awareness of recycling options, increased recycling tonnage and improvement of the facility's environmental impact.

BIODEGRADABLE

An entire line of biodegradable disposable service ware products, giving meeting planners a green alternative to standard china and silverware, is available upon request. Green Seal Certified cleaning products are used throughout the facility.

ORGANIC & LOCAL

Strategic partnerships have been developed with local farmers to purchase seasonal fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and poultry.

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.

High-efficiency exterior Visionwall® curtainwall glass through-out the Convention Center helps keep energy use low. Motion-sensor lighting controls are installed in restrooms. 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 are currently undergoing a transition to LED lighting which produces zero toxic elements and are up to 80% more efficient.

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. A 16' x 18' Firestone EnviroReady vegetative roofing system, comprised of sedum trays, a drought-tolerant growing medium, provides attractive color variations throughout the seasons.

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. Storm water infiltration basins separates storm water from oils and grease before traveling to nearby waterways.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

In 2008 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.

In 2012 after Super Bowl XLVI, a local non-profit organization repurposed over 5 miles of signage and banners creating wallets, duffle bags, beach bags, shower curtains and other items. Sales from these products helped fund numerous projects enhancing the city of Indianapolis and promoting public transportation, a healthy environment, and urban design. Signage from the 2022 College Football Playoff Championship game was also donated for these same purposes.

Our staff assists local charities in acquiring left-over convention tote bags and other items from events.

WALKABLE

With over 7,500 hotel rooms, 350 restaurants and over 50 attractions within walking distance of the center, attendees can walk while convening. Indy's walk-ability keeps transportation costs down.