



FUNCTIONAL, BEAUTIFUL AND 'GREEN'

It's easy to think green at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Our unique building features countless green technologies and techniques and we take pride in our commitment to ensure sustainable practices.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

As part of our extensive recycling program, the Vancouver Convention Centre recycles an average of 180,000 kilograms of materials annually; nearly half of the total volume of waste generated. This includes batteries, lighting ballasts, wood, organics, metal, glass, plastic and much more. The centre has also hosted Vancouver's first audited zero-waste event. What's more, environmentally-friendly, Green Seal™-approved cleaning products are utilized facility-wide.

FOOD-FRIENDLY

We use fresh and local ingredients without additives; avoid prepackaged canned goods; utilize cutlery, china, glass and cloth napkins, and serve nearly all condiments in bulk or reusable containers. What's more, our 'Happy Earth' menus offer certified organic and free-range options, and we encourage our purveyors to deliver their goods in reusable containers and work with suppliers with a strong commitment to the environment.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Vancouver Convention Centre is committed to advanced energy management. A highlight of our strategies and designations include:

- Purchases 'Green Power' electricity generated from low-impact renewable sources in British Columbia
- Received one of Canada's first 'Go Green' certificates from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) for environmental best practices
- Designated a Power Smart Convention Centre by BC Hydro's Power Smart Partner in Business Program after converting to state-of-the-art energy-efficient lighting, HVAC and energy control systems

DESIGN FEATURES

- Energy and resource use is monitored in real-time throughout the facility
- The West building has received LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification. We are the first convention centre in the world to earn the highest LEED® rating.
- The West building features a unique marine habitat, a sophisticated drainage water and recovery system, and a seawater heating and cooling system.
- The West building's six-acre living roof – the largest in Canada and the largest non-industrial living roof in North America – features more than 400,000 indigenous plants and grasses as well as four beehives. Drainage and recovery systems are designed to collect and use rainwater for irrigation during summer months.

TESTIMONIAL

"The Vancouver Convention Centre played a vital role by providing an environmentally-responsible venue for the World Urban Forum 3, which earned Four Star MeetGreen Certification for excellence in green meeting practices."

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