



LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER

SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) is a leader in the travel and tourism industry charged with promoting Las Vegas as the world’s most desirable destination for leisure and business travel. The destination’s local tourism industry is also leading the way to a more sustainable future. The LVCVA and its resort partners are committed to conserving natural resources, minimizing waste, and leaving a lasting legacy in Southern Nevada.

In 2024, LVCVA released a Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlining a framework of environmental, social, and governance policies. These policies were further refined into strategies and actions that LVCVA, and the 4.6 million square foot Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC), which the organization owns and operates, will incorporate into business operations.

This Sustainability Guide is intended to engage key stakeholders, venue partners, and building customers and align climate and sustainability efforts. It will also offer guidance and support to all those affiliated with the LVCVA.

Awards

The Event Industry Council (EIC)

EIC is a global leader in educating event professionals on sustainable operations. EIC has established over 100 event standards surrounding waste, water, energy, transportation and supply management among other community and governance frameworks. In 2024, the LVCVA received gold level certification by complying with 90% of these standards.

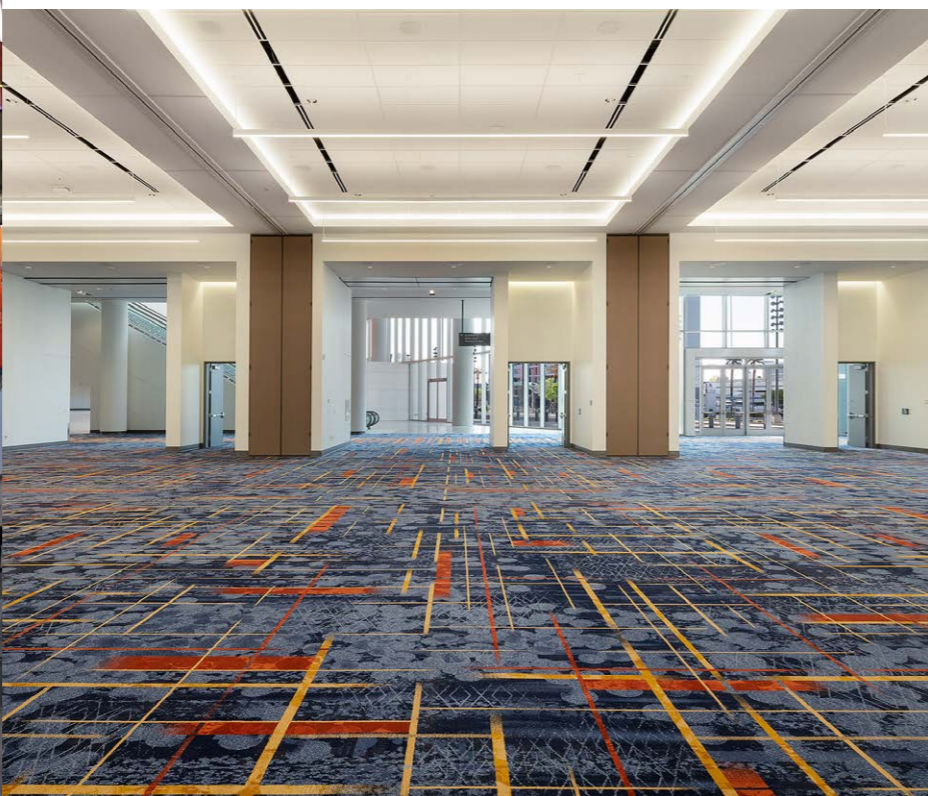
GBAC Star Accreditation

The LVCC is among the first of convention centers in the nation to be accredited by the prestigious GBAC Star Accreditation Program, which establishes gold standard cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention protocols that meet or exceed the industry’s highest standards of cleanliness for pathogens like the novel coronavirus.

Green Globe Certification

GBI’s Green Globes® is a science-based, three-in-one whole building certification system that evaluates the environmental sustainability, health & wellness, and resilience of all types of commercial real estate. LVCVA received a New Construction certification for the Las Vegas Convention Center Phase Two Expansion and achieved a Three Green Globes rating.

Sustainability Partners





SUSTAINABILITY SNAPSHOT

Reducing Energy

- Lighting at 50% during move-in/move-out periods.
- Energy-efficient lighting, air-conditioning and heating systems.
- HVAC circulation improvements resulting in 10% savings.
- Solar chargers on utility carts.

Water Conservation

- Xeriscape landscaping saving approximately 1 million gallons of water annually.
- Low-flow fixtures.

Waste Management

- Dual stream receptacles capture mixed recyclables, diverting items from regular trash receptacles.
- Single-stream compactors.
- Auctioned used equipment that is no longer viable to the operation to local vendors.
- More than 100 solar-powered hand-sanitizer dispensers, replacing standard battery-operated dispensers.
- Water bottle filling stations.
- Partnered with Butts to Watts® to create energy from cigarette waste.

Getting Around

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LOOP at LAS VEGAS
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- Zero-emissions underground transportation system.
- All-electric Tesla vehicles.
- Reduces a 25-minute walk to a less than two-minute ride across the 200-acre campus.
- The future expanded Vegas Loop will ease traffic & congestion throughout the destination.

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MONORAIL

- 7 stops with direct connection to 8 resort properties, 25,000 hotel rooms & 6.4 million+ sq ft of meeting & event space.
- 100% electric and runs zero emission trains.
- Utilizes regenerative braking systems which saves power consumption up to 20%.

While LVCVA can make significant impacts in the way we operate, our partners will play a vital role. Our goal is to collectively adopt a set of actions that can be consistently implemented over time. This will spur a gradual transition to more sustainable events and, ultimately, a more sustainable facility.

Join LVCVA as it sets a course for facility-wide climate change. Below are ways you and your organization can support us. The Climate Policy represents a broad framework of corporate priorities. The Action Roadmap is a list of actions everyone may consider.

8 GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)

1. **Reach overarching GHG Goals:** Achieve a 50% reduction in Scopes 1 and 2 by 2030 and 100% by 2050 using a 2022 baseline; begin tracking Scope 3 data as available.
2. **Reach water usage reduction goals:** Reduce water consumption annually per square foot.
3. **Reach waste diversion goals:** Achieve 75% diversion by 2027, and 90% by 2035.
4. **Establish governance:** Strengthen internal and external management and accountability structures to ensure LVCVA achieves the goals outlined in the CAP.
5. **Communicate:** Build a community engagement strategy to integrate communication and reporting protocols across the facility and event partners.
6. **Develop resilience:** Be prepared for climate emergencies.
7. **Provide resources:** Be purposeful in understanding and prioritizing the funding needed to implement this CAP.
8. **Partner:** Partner with facility and destination stakeholders.



RECOMMENDED ACTION ROADMAP

Event Planning

- Utilize digital communication and registration options.
- Use a mobile app instead of a show booklet/program.
- Identify material reuse opportunities prior to your event and notify LVCC.
- Establish food donation program partnership prior to the event and notify LVCC.
- Establish headquarter hotels within walking distance to your event when possible.

Energy

- Communicate the hours of operation of your event to allow specific heating & cooling schedules.
- Be sure to turn off the lights in meeting rooms upon exit.
- Power down exhibits as much as possible.
- Recognize energy savings policies for trade show operations.

Energy Savings Policies

- Power off escalators on low-traffic days.
- LED lighting conversions to reduce consumption.
- Building Management System (BMS) to control and monitor building systems.
- Full lighting of exhibit halls, meeting rooms and public spaces will be provided on event days and one day prior.
- Reduce lighting intensity by 50% during event move-in/move-out periods.

Transportation

- Publicize the Monorail and Vegas Loop, and EV parking in ongoing communications channels.
- Partner with rental car companies to promote EV rentals.
- Uphold LVCC's No Idling Policy.



No Idling Policy

- All forklift trucks, platform lifts, boom lifts and other motorized equipment used for the move-in and move-out of events shall utilize a cleaner burning alternative fuel than gasoline. The alternative fuel shall be electric, natural gas and/or propane fuel. Propane cylinders awaiting use shall be stored in a secured propane storage cage that meets the requirements of OSHA. Storage cages must be secured in the designated location.
- Any vehicles that are used to deliver freight directly into the facility for move-in or move-out shall turn the vehicle off upon arriving at the final location. No vehicle shall be allowed to sit and idle in the facility.

Water

- LVCVA encourages the use of reusable water bottles. The LVCC has more than 50 water bottle filling stations across the property. Please use the campus map to find your nearest station.

Purchasing

- Adopt LVCVA's purchasing criteria as much as possible.

Purchasing Criteria

- Evaluate suppliers' environmental and social performance as part of the supplier selection process in RFPs.
- Prioritize the participation of small, local or woman and minority owned businesses.
- Consider life-cycle-costs in the selection process.
- Source a greater percentage of recycled and upcycled raw materials for products and packaging.

- Understand the Green Cleaning policy.

Primary cleaning chemical must be an EPA-approved disinfectant, proven to prevent and/or significantly reduce the spread of infectious disease.

- Request reusable service ware from Sodexo Live!
- Ask for local, organic, Fair Trade, and in-season options.
- Eliminate balloons & straws onsite.
- Transition away from single use plastics, polystyrene, and foam core.
- Replace giveaways (SWAG) with more sustainable options.
- Use one of the following acceptable signage materials.

Acceptable signage materials

- Bamboo
- Wood
- Fabric
- Aluminum
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Falcon Board

- Purchase items in bulk that are not individually packaged.
- Consider potted plants or living centerpieces that can be repurposed after the event.
- Work with Sodexo Live! to incorporate options that are plant based.

Waste

- Participate in the Pack in/Pack out policy.

Lessee will receive the leased area in a clean state and is required to return the leased area in the same condition (e.g., trash and floor tape removed).

- Collect E Waste separately and donate it to a local charity.
- Understand the process for separating recyclables and hard to manage items.

List of what goes where

Recycling

- Aluminum Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Clean Paper (Brochures, Programs, Fliers, etc.)
- Cardboard Boxes
- Cardboard Signage
- Plastic Shrink Wrap, Sheet Plastic or Bubble Wrap
- Plastic Bottles and Containers
- Plastic Plant Pots
- Scrap Metal
- Wood Pallets, Lumber or Other Wood Scraps
- Brick, Concrete or Other Construction Debris
- Carpet

Compostable

- Food Scraps

Donations

- Books
- T-Shirts
- Office Supplies
- Trinkets
- Décor
- Potted Plants
- Bags
- Craft Materials
- Prepared Foods
- Perishable Food
- Dry Goods
- Frozen Food

Landfill

- Plastic Food Serveware & Utensils
- Plastic Beverage Cups
- Plastic Signage
- Food Packaging
- Styrofoam Peanuts
- Vinyl Tablecloths
- Vinyl Banners

- Enlist the help of the Official Service Contractor (OSC) and volunteers to help with loading donation materials.

Donation Partners

- Blind Center of Nevada
- CCSD Teachers Superstore
- Clark County Parks and Recreation
- Las Vegas Rescue Mission
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada
- Goodwill of Southern Nevada
- Opportunity Village
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

REPORTING

Upon request, LVCC will generate an environmental impact report of your event's waste, water, and energy usage during the event.

FAQ

Energy

Does the facility use renewable energy? What is the percentage?

LVCVA participates in the NV Energy renewable energy program that provides approximately 40% of the facility's electric supply from renewable sources.

How can my event use less energy?

LVCC reduces lighting intensity by 50% during event move-in/move-out periods. Schedule lights to be turned off when event space is not in use.

Water

Are reusable water bottles allowed in the facility?

LVCVA has refill stations located throughout the facility. We encourage the use of reusable water bottles and ask clients to consider distributing reusable water bottles as a giveaway item.

Transportation

Which entrances have bike lock infrastructure?

Bicycle racks can be requested and placed at any of the facility's entrances utilized by the show.

Is the Monorail free of charge?

The Monorail is a paid ticketed system. For more information on fares and stations please visit lvmonorail.com. Show organizers can pre-buy the ability for their attendees to use their registration credentials to ride the monorail. Please speak with your CSM to learn more.

Which entrance do Uber and Lyft drop passengers off?

Uber and Lyft pick up and drop off points are located throughout the campus, with convenient locations near each of the exhibit halls.

Purchasing

Does the facility source food that is grown locally?

Yes. Work with Sodexo Live! to better understand food items.

Does the facility use sustainable seafood resources?

Yes. Work with Sodexo Live! to better understand food resources.

What are the green cleaning policies?

Primary cleaning chemical must be an EPA-approved disinfectant, proven to prevent and/or significantly reduce the spread of infectious disease.

Waste

What reuse programs are in place and how would I participate?

The Convention Center has reuse partnerships with a number of local non-profits. Please contact the LVCVA to receive a list of community partners along with the items they can receive.

Does the facility have a food donation program?

Food donation programs are available through our in-house partner, Sodexo Live!

Where can I purchase compostable products?

Compostable products are available through our in-house partner, Sodexo Live!

Will there be a compost collection program at my event?

Compost collection should be arranged through the selected cleaning contractor, waste hauler, Sodexo Live!

