

# The GTCTC Green Sheet



- Paper, glass and cardboard from all meeting rooms and administrative offices are recycled
- The kitchen recycles all paper, cardboard, glass, metal and plastic products
- Food waste is spun dry and delivered to special bins in biodegradable bags. From there it is picked up and used to produce compost. This process applies to all food waste in the facility and serves to prevent damaging organic material from being discharged into our bay or landfill
- Cooking oils are recycled and converted to biofuel
- Cleaning products used in 90% of the building (all surfaces and floors) are environmentally friendly
- Compact fluorescent lights and low wattage bulbs are used where appropriate
- Trans fat free building, using local, organic and sustainable products when possible
- Multiple product recycling receptacles are located in public areas to make the recycling process for visitors to the convention center simple and efficient
- Building controls are programmed to turn off utilities in empty rooms to decrease energy usage
- Water saving devices for toilets and faucets are installed in all bathrooms
- Eco-friendly water saving landscaping
- Used fleet oil, batteries, antifreeze and tires are recycled
- No chemical pesticides and herbicides are used in the facility
- For clients who want to offer extended recycling options to their attendees, a complimentary Sustainability Station (booth) is provided, which is well signed, taking the guesswork out of proper and efficient sorting of items
- Employees are encouraged to use public transportation
- New in 2010-purchase of light-weight, portable carpet which is made from 100% recycled material and 100% made in the USA. At the "end of use" for this product, it can again, be recycled. Owning our own carpet also reduces the carbon footprint of outside vendors who no longer transport carpet to the GTCTC
- The GTCTC participates in Citizens for a Healthy Bay's program, "Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tacoma" (BEST), along with other Pierce County businesses who strive to improve their environmental performance