

IN: green



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BEIN' GREEN

The MCCA is committed to maintaining a clean environment and promoting green practices at our facilities. By finding ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle the waste produced by events, we are working to minimize our energy footprint and create efficiencies for the citizens and taxpayers of Massachusetts.

- **Clean Air.** Located in America’s “Walking City,” the Hynes and the BCEC are easily accessed on foot or via public transportation.
- **Energy Conservation.** At the BCEC we reduce lighting, power, and HVAC use during move-in and move-out. Sensor-controlled lighting is in use throughout the convention center to turn off lights when rooms are not in use.
- **Water Conservation.** Spring water coolers in each meeting room reduce the waste from individual water bottles. Restrooms use low-flow toilets and other water-saving devices.
- **Recycling.** The MCCA recycles paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, cardboard, food waste, and grease. All bottles and cans are separated from the waste stream by our vendors and picked up by a local organization for recycling. Perishables that cannot be donated to charitable organizations are sent to local farms to be turned into compost. During one four-day event, 20 tons of food waste was diverted from the waste stream.
- **Donations.** Leftover pallets and carpet padding are donated to local organizations. Carpet padding is also shipped to a recycling facility to be turned into cement blocks and asphalt for state highways.



Nearly **2,000 tons** of material were recycled from the BCEC & Hynes facilities.





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- **Purchasing.** More than 80 percent of bathroom supplies are recycled products. And more than 80 percent of cleaning products used for carpets, floors, kitchens, and bathrooms are environmentally responsible.
- **Hynes Improvements.** As part of the upgrades to the Hynes, new lighting, insulation, air, and water systems will be put in place to increase water and energy efficiency.
- **FSC Certified Printing.** This publication meets the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), a non-profit, international, independent membership organization that develops standards and certifies that wood harvesting is done within their environmentally conscious standards from responsibly managed forests.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

Recognizing the MCCA's efforts to decrease the impact its facilities and events have on the environment, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the MCCA a "WasteWise Reduction Leadership Award." The award acknowledges the BCEC as the first convention center to join the national WasteWise program and the first in the area to implement a food-waste diversion program. Food scraps generated in the preparation of BCEC meals are diverted from the waste stream by kitchen staff and sent to local farms for composting. Excess prepared food that cannot be donated to charitable organizations is also sent for composting rather than being thrown in the trash.



The BCEC is the **first** convention center in the area to implement a food waste diversion program.