

Recycling

The Salt Palace recycles all common recyclable materials; cardboard, metal, glass, and mixed recyclables (e.g. plastic bottles and jugs, paper). In addition, we recycle food and green waste, wood pallets (any shape, size, or condition), and any color of stretch plastics (e.g. plastic wrap, bubble wrap, non-reinforced visqueen).

Material Donation

For materials that cannot be recycled, the Salt Palace collects and donates them to community partners, made up of primarily of nonprofits and schools in the Salt Lake City area. The materials donated to community partners help maintain and create programs that further their mission. Common donation items include signage of any type, furniture, plastic pallets, decorations, swag, and electronics. Green donation stickers are provided on-site to mark materials to donate so the Salt Palace team can begin the collection process.

Food Donation And Waste

In partnership with the Salt Palace's exclusive Caterer, Sodexo Live, leftover food that is safe for donation is donated. Food donations are picked up by [Waste Less Solutions \(click here for their website\)](#) and dropped off to local homeless shelter and rehab centers. Food that is not safe for donation is taken to the anaerobic digester, [Wasatch Resource Recovery \(click here for their website\)](#), this process turns food waste into a renewable source of natural gas and fertilizer.

Water Bottle Refill Stations

At the Salt Palace, we encourage you to stay hydrated and support eco-friendly goals. To facilitate this, we have installed bottle refill stations at drinking fountains throughout our facility and highly encourage reusable water bottles to reduce single-use plastic waste.

Energy Conservation

The Salt Palace is home to a 600,000 square foot rooftop solar array and 2 electric vehicle charging stations. The EV stations provide 4 stalls that can be utilized in the West parking garage on level P1. The solar array is made up of 6,006 solar panels and has been operational since May of 2012. Since installation it has generated over 26 million KWH of electricity and generates an average of 17% of the building's annual energy usage. The Salt Palace has also converted over 90% of its lighting fixtures to energy saving LED bulbs.

Post Event Sustainability Reporting

Post event sustainability reports tell the sustainability story of your event. Reports include event specific landfill diversion rate and data. Data that makes up the landfill diversion rate include material donation, food donation, recycling, and trash. What organizations materials and food were donated to will be included with photos whenever possible. Additionally, rooftop solar array generation during event dates is included along with estimated electricity usage based on square footage booked. Any other known sustainability efforts and partnerships will be included as well.

- Sample report available upon request
- **Cost:** \$500

Contact Information

For additional information or questions about the Salt Palace's sustainability programs please contact McKell Nelson at mckell.n@saltpalace.com.