

# OUR **GREEN** POLICIES & COMMITMENTS

## Commitment Statement

We acknowledge the responsibility we have to reduce our demand on the planet's finite resources, minimize our carbon footprint and help meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Through the targets in this strategy, we are sending a clear message.

**We can and will do more to provide better outcomes for our community, our customers and our environment.**

## Our 2023 Sustainability Goals



Implement paperless event logistics and communication



Develop a community integrated sustainability plan and management system



Create and offer options & incentives for event planners to offset the carbon load of their event



Measure our carbon footprint annually

## Sustainable Tourism

TCU Place is a proud signatory of both the Tourism Saskatoon Green Stem Pledge and the Sustainable Tourism 2030 Pledge

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## Our Green Policies Focus On Four Key Areas



Energy  
Conservation



Waste Reduction  
& Recycling



Acquisition  
& Disposal



Staff & Client  
Awareness

## Energy Conservation



### POWER

We've installed Power Factor Correction devices to moderate electrical demand. 90% of our fan units are equipped with VFDs (variable frequency drives), and we've modernized our steam boiler to add them. We've upgraded our BAS (Building Automation System) with programmable heating & fan unit controls. We've updated cooking practices in our kitchen to reduce energy consumption (cooking with lids on pots, turning off ovens when not in use, etc). Our office equipment enters sleep mode when not in use.



### LIGHTING

We've installed occupancy sensors in washrooms and storage rooms, and implemented a "Lights Out" campaign - cleaning our building during off hours using reduced lighting. Our facility lighting has been upgraded to LED, and we integrate natural daylight to the greatest degree possible in our convention space.

## Waste Reduction & Recycling



### REDUCE

90% of our washrooms are fitted with water saving fixtures. We've upgraded our systems to move toward paperless event management. We provide wireless internet access, encourage the use of digital documents when possible, and print and copy 2-sided documents to reduce paper use when printing is necessary. We use "green" cleaning products.



### REUSE

Using china, glassware, stainless flatware, and washable linens on tables is our standard practice. We provide juice, water and coffee condiments in bulk containers, and avoid pre-filling water glasses.



### RECYCLE

We use a single-stream recycling bin for all paper, plastics, glass, and cans, and create mass recycling stations for tradeshow and large scale events for collecting cardboard, pallet wrap, paper and other recyclable materials. When possible, we host "Zero Waste" events to reduce the impact in landfills. We collect organic waste for composting and recycle our kitchen cooking oil.

## Acquisition & Disposal Policies



### FOOD

Food and beverages are sourced locally as much as possible. Our chefs create menus that maximize the use of seasonal & organic produce where available. We serve Fair Trade coffee & tea. We partner with local agencies donating leftover food to charity and encourage our clients to do the same.



### CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS

Batteries, light bulbs, outdated electronics and paints are recycled at approved locations.

## Staff & Client Awareness



### LOCATION

Our centralized location in the heart of downtown Saskatoon provides easy access by mass transit or bicycle.



### WORKING TOGETHER

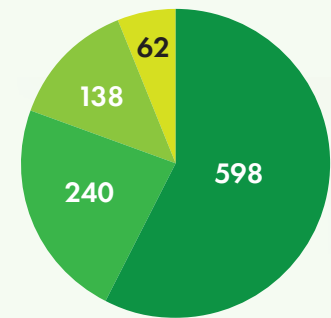
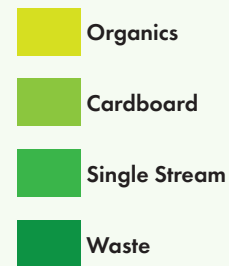
Developing partnerships with environmental organizations such as the Destination Canada Global Destination Sustainability Program with Discover Saskatoon.

## Measuring Our Impact

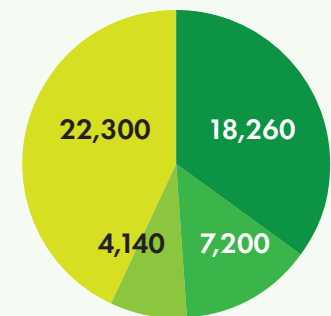
In 2022, TCU Place diverted more than 35,347 kg of recycled material from the landfill – 70% of which was organics converted to compost material. Organics include all food waste in the kitchen, on the banquet floor, plates scraped, oil, coffee grounds, and paper towels.

## The Year So Far

Between January 1 and August 31 2023, we have diverted 33,640 kgs from the landfill - a 65% diversion rate.



Volume (Cubic Yards)



Weight (kg)