

GREEN INITIATIVES

Recycling Program...We are proud of our extensive recycling program, which includes the recycling of nearly all salvageable trash on our campus including aluminum and foodservice cans and bottles, additional glass, plastic, cardboard, metal, paper, light bulbs, cooking oil, pallets and yard waste. There are recycling barrels on all levels and our cleaning staff separates plastic bottles from trash collected in the arena bowl. A 30-yard co-mingle container is emptied after every two or three Minnesota Wild home games. We recycle over 750 tons each year.

Earth-Friendly Product Usage...Conversion to green cleaning products began in 2008 and lighting is being incrementally switched over to high-efficiency alternatives. Reusable and durable products as well as recyclable paper, plastic, glass and aluminum goods are routinely purchased.

Water Conservation...Low-flow, self-closing faucets are installed throughout all restrooms in Xcel Energy Center and Saint Paul RiverCentre. Our hot water (heating and cooling) is produced by District Energy, which has converted 70% of its fuel from coal, oil and natural gas to biomass. Visit www.districtenergy.com for more information.

Energy Efficiency...All of our facilities are heated and cooled only when occupied, using renewable energy provided by District Energy. IT Blade/Server Configuration not only saves on power, but also drastically reduces heat. We completed an energy assessment through our partner Xcel Energy and plan to make energy efficient upgrades in the near future.

Transportation...We promote the use of public transportation on our website and employees are offered bus vouchers. Bike racks are provided on campus to encourage using automobile alternatives.

Awareness...To promote environmental awareness, we launched the “Xcel Energy Power Zone” with our partner Xcel Energy, which is an interactive display that includes a 32-ft. replica of a wind turbine and the Xcel Energy Puck Wall on the main concourse of the arena. The display includes information on renewable energy, interactive exhibits, and ways to support Minnesota’s Salvation Army HeatShare program, which provides energy assistance to those in need. Fans can order personalized pucks to be placed on the wall, and the Xcel Energy Foundation matches each dollar raised, which supports the HeatShare program.

We also engage in an ongoing recycling campaign with our partner Waste Management via in-arena announcements and athlete endorsements. The campaign encourages everyday collection and supports environmental sustainability.