

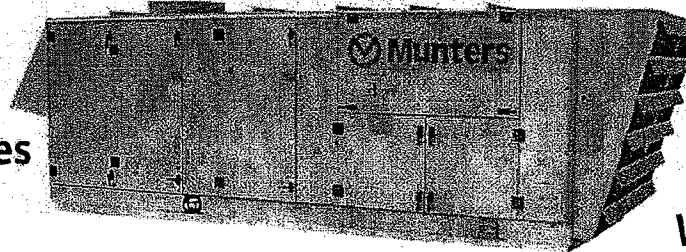
INDUSTRY NEWS

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Minnesota's Xcel Energy Center Launches Sustainability Initiative

✓ Xcel Energy Center, home of the Minnesota Wild, in conjunction with the St. Paul RiverCentre, is rolling out an unprecedented campus-wide sustainability initiative that will aim to reduce the amount of trash generated at St. Paul RiverCentre, Xcel Energy Center, the Legendary Roy Wilkins Auditorium and an adjacent property by 50 percent, while increasing the amount of materials recycled to 50 percent within the next two years. The first thing fans and visitors will notice is that nearly every trash container on every level of each facility now has an accompanying recycling bin. Fans attending Xcel Energy Center events will now be able to recycle paper, such as newspapers and game programs sometimes discarded after events. Guests of Saint Paul RiverCentre will be among the first in the country to partici-

pate in composting at a convention center. Composting is being integrated into all campus kitchens and concessions as part of the phased approach, and will be added to front-of-house operations, or public areas, at Xcel Energy Center in the future. A waste assessment revealed that the Xcel Energy Center and adjacent properties collectively generate 2,848,897 pounds of waste per year, including recycling. From the assessment, the benchmark showed the percent of total waste being recycled campus wide was 15 percent. The goal of "50-50 in 2" is aimed at increasing that rate to 50 percent — that's 1.2 million pounds of trash the campus is attempting to divert. Current recycling efforts campus-wide include glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, cardboard, fluorescent bulbs, pallets, metal and cooking oil used in the facilities.



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RMS Expands Seasonal Rink Portfolio

Rink Management Services Corporation recently announced the addition of two seasonal ice rinks to their management portfolio for the 2009-2010 season. The Ice at Santa Monica and Walnut Creek on Ice will be installed and managed by the staff at Rink Management Services. The addition of these two magnificent properties will make a total of 10 seasonal properties under the management of Rink



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