

2020-2021 ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY SUMMARY

XCEL ENERGY CENTER | SAINT PAUL RIVERCENTRE

Like so many things, our sustainability program has been challenged by COVID-19. In the past year, we have purchased very little - and the few purchases made were mostly disinfectants, sanitizers, and other safety-related items. Likewise, our waste stream today contains more hard-to-recycle items, like masks and gloves. Fortunately, with the help of the waste-innovators at TerraCycle, we can now collect these items for recycling too.

However, COVID-19 did have one upside: fewer events meant drastically less environmental impact from our operations. Here are a few stats:



TOTAL WASTE

↓ **87%**

from benchmark levels

↓ **85%**

compared to 2 years ago



WATER USE

↓ **83%**

from benchmark levels

↓ **70%**

compared to 2 years ago



ENERGY USE

↓ **41%**

from benchmark levels

↓ **32%**

compared to 2 years ago

Meanwhile, our renewable energy portfolio kept working, even when our buildings were idle!



Electricity generated from our solar garden subscription:

Over 5 MILLION kwh

(locally produced solar power)



On-site solar thermal production:

Over 800 MWh

(from District Energy's solar thermal array, atop RiverCentre)



On-site solar PV from RiverCentre Ramp:

46,000 kwh



Windsor[®] energy purchased through Xcel Energy:

1.5 million kwh



Renewable Energy Credits purchased from Sterling Planet:

11,628 MWh

(offsetting our impact with wind energy generated elsewhere in the Midwest)

We are proud to announce that we also started down a new path this year, toward offsetting impacts beyond our building operations. On July 1, 2021, we partnered with UPM Blandin, a sustainable forestry company in northern Minnesota, to offset the carbon emissions of Minnesota Wild team travel for the entire 2021-22 season. This partnership offsets about 143 hours of flight time for the entire team - and equates to the energy use of roughly 180 homes.