

REDUCING YOUR FOOTPRINT

Freeman actively engages in green practices within day-to-day operations and is committed to producing events in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Freeman has collaborated with a number of customers to make their events greener and is dedicated to broadening this effort.

Green Tips for Exhibitors

Interested in going Green and saving money with your exhibit booth? Follow these tips to assist you in making your sustainable booth strategies at least cost-neutral, and possibly cost-saving!

Supplies and Ordering

- Order exhibit supplies early and utilize online ordering systems to eliminate paper waste.
- Consider renting a booth from Freeman or buying materials locally, preventing shipping cost and lowering emissions.
- Rent Freeman Classic Carpet which contains recycled content and is also recyclable.
- Provide giveaways made of recycled, responsibly grown natural fiber, nontoxic and biodegradable materials. Ensure giveaways are useful, not merely promotional in nature. Electronic Giveaways are smart and trendy, like a USB storage drive with your content already loaded.

Printing, Recycling and Waste Management

- Encourage less printing and provide more information digitally when it comes to booth literature, fulfilling requests via email and website referrals.
- If you need to print, use a local printer in the city where the show will be held and choose paper that contains at least 50% post-consumer recycled content.
- Ask Freeman about new paper-based signage materials that are comparably priced to plastic. There are good alternatives to foam core and PVC which are not as easily recyclable.
- Participate in the exhibit donation program by providing materials that are eligible for donation to local charities, such as pens, bags and notepads.

Shipping and Transportation

- If you must ship materials, planning out your booth in a timely way to meet shipping deadlines can also help maximize consolidation and cost-savings.
- Choose a SmartWay™-certified hauler at no additional cost to ensure your transportation company is practicing sustainable shipping.
- Set a goal to leave no trace behind by shipping out all booth properties and packing materials and donating extra giveaways thereby minimizing any waste for the show.
- If you are attending another trade show that many of your fellow exhibitors are also participating in, ask your General Service Contractor or Show Management to set up a caravan service to save on fuel emissions—and cost of transportation.

Personnel and Best Practices

- Take advantage of local or regional representatives to staff your booth, rather than bringing staff from far away offices, reducing travel cost.
- Bring Green as part of your company message providing recycling bins in your booth and information on what you have done to exhibit in a sustainable way.

These steps can help as we all strive to make smarter and more environmentally sound decisions. For more information on the Freeman Sustainability Initiative, contact goinggreen@freemanco.com.