

WASTE MANAGEMENT



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Zero waste plan: Salt Lake 2002's waste management plan is part of an ambitious program to neutralize the environmental impacts from 15 key venues and the more than 2 million winter sports fans attending the Games.

Two bins, one waste stream: Salt Lake 2002 is using a two-bin system for all waste and recyclables. This system allows for 100 percent participation by spectators, ease and efficiency in handling materials for hauling and cleaning crews and a more effective recovery system. The two-bin system ensures that more than 85 percent of Games waste is recycled or composted. Salt Lake 2002 is using biodegradable plates and garbage bags in some areas.

How it works: When a spectator throws garbage into a bin, the waste is just beginning its journey. After it's thrown away, garbage is collected and transferred to the materials recovery facility (MRF). There, it is sorted by type into plastics, aluminum, other metals, compostables and nonrecoverable items. After sorting at the MRF, recyclables are baled and sent to a recycler, where they are turned into a variety of products such as food packaging, carpet and vhs cassette cases. Compostable items, which include paper, organic waste and wood, are taken to the composting facility, where they break down over time. The compost will be used along with soil to reclaim Park and Ride lots and other venue facilities and to prevent soil erosion after the Salt Lake 2002 Games.

Public education: Several resources provide information about Salt Lake 2002's efforts to recycle or recover almost all waste generated at venues. Information on recycling and other Salt Lake 2002 environmental programs is available in the *Salt Lake 2002 Official Spectator Guide*, and daily recovery rates are made available at venue environment information kiosks and at saltlake2002.com.

Bill Nye video: Bill Nye the Science Guy is featured in a Salt Lake 2002 video that describes the waste-recovery process and tells visitors what they can do to protect the environment.

"Trash-cams": Providing views of the MRF, the composting facility and other points along the waste-processing chain, Salt Lake 2002 "Trash-cams," on-line web cameras, offer a live glimpse into the world of waste recovery. As garbage generated at Salt Lake 2002 venues and facilities is processed, visitors to saltlake2002.com can see what's happening firsthand.

Waste recovery facts:

- Americans produce a daily average of 4.5 pounds of garbage per person.
- Paper accounts for about 30 percent of all waste.
- During the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games, visitors will generate about 2500 tons of garbage.
- There are about 6000 garbage cans at Salt Lake 2002 venues.
- Salt Lake 2002 mandates that vendors limit the amount of waste they produce while supplying the Games.
- In nonspectator areas where Salt Lake 2002 generates large volumes of cardboard and office-paper waste, items are presorted.



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