

Environmental Initiatives

Heard that going green is expensive? Not at Hargrove. Not only do we operate our business in a responsible manner, but we help our clients go green without additional costs. Here is a sample of the many environmentally-friendly Hargrove initiatives:

Administrative Operations

Hargrove works with private sector and government agencies to recycle a variety of office equipment and supplies including:

Batteries	Paper
Printers	Toner cartridges
Cell phones	Computers
Fluorescent tubes and ballasts	Glass, aluminum cans and plastic

In addition, our purchasing department buys, wherever possible, recycled, remanufactured, non-toxic or biodegradable office and building supply materials.

Hargrove maintains a late-model fleet of vehicles, mindful of the greater fuel efficiency and conservation it provides.

By aggressively promoting and enhancing its online ordering option, Hargrove has reduced the number of exhibitor service kits printed each year. Currently 45% of show managers are selecting a web-only version and 2% are selecting a paperless combination of CD or web-only. When printed manuals are selected, Hargrove works closely with show management to accurately determine print quantities.

Hargrove also recycles elements of excess exhibitor service kits by re-using binders and preprinted sheets applicable to most shows. Tab divider pages are saved for shows that are repeat business. When the excess manuals are disassembled, the remaining paper is recycled through the company's recycling program or used as scrap office paper.

Show Operations

Aluminum system material – The Hargrove Modular System (HMS) used for temporary structures such as registration counters and booth packages, utilizes recycled aluminum which is itself recycled at the end of its useful life.

Carpet - Hargrove recycles 100% of all carpet through an arrangement with a vendor who makes the recycled material available for consumer products

manufacturing. This program has completely eliminated our used trade show and event carpet from becoming landfill waste.

Fabrication – In addition to recycling aluminum components, Hargrove also recycles all steel used in fabrication of exhibit and event environments. For many years, Hargrove has also maintained a program that makes excess materials available at no cost to schools in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. area. These materials include substrates, cloth and wood.

Furnishings – Hargrove automatically provides cardboard-style wastebaskets made of recycled products unless customers specifically request plastic wastebaskets.

Graphics – Hargrove uses the biodegradable Insite® BioBoard™ as a rule for its graphics and Duraplast®. Hargrove also uses TuffBoard® for showcard applications and Sintra® where molding and shaping is necessary in production. Both products are 100% recyclable. And Hargrove continues to work with vinyl and fabric manufacturers and suppliers to refine responsible recycling practices.

Show site equipment – While complying with the local facility operating codes for vehicles nationwide, Hargrove is able to fuel 75% of the forklifts and other show site vehicles with LP natural gas (propane), which is better for air quality than gasoline. Within the Washington, D.C. area, Hargrove uses 90% propane fuel.

Optional Additional Items Offered

Hargrove will provide additional optional materials to clients. These materials may be more expensive, require additional lead time to procure, or may be available in more limited quantity.

- Bamboo panel inserts for HMS systems. These are sustainable as they have a growth cycle of less than five years and are produced using low VOC glues and binders.
- Biodegradable wastebasket liner bags and table top covers. These materials can be used as compost.
- Muslin or other all-cotton drape for exhibit side and back walls.
- Recycling containers placed throughout the event for use by attendees to reduce waste. This requires cooperation between Hargrove, the venue, the show organizer and the Hargrove cleaning services vendor.