



TENANT DIRECTIVE

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BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT GREEN CONCESSIONS

Purpose

The purpose of this Directive is to identify minimum standards all Concessionaires must adhere to and encourage exceedance of standards in support of Maryland Aviation Administration's (MAA) Sustainability Strategic Goal.

Reference(s)

- A. MAA's Strategic Plan
- B. Anne Arundel County Code § 11-6-103, Polystyrene foam products
- C. COMAR 26.04.13 Food Residuals - Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion

Scope

This Tenant Directive is applicable to all concessionaires at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Definitions

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Responsible Party:

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DIRECTIVE

I. Directive Statement

MAA's Strategic Plan contains a goal to improve sustainability. Establishing minimum sustainability and environmentally preferable product requirements and encouraging voluntary expansion of them is an important part of the MAA sustainability program.

II. Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive, the following words have the following meanings:

- A. Compost means decayed organic material used as a plant fertilizer.
- B. Compostable means organic material able to be made into compost by means of composting.
- C. Composting means the controlled aerobic biological decomposition of organic waste material in accordance with the standards established by Maryland Department of the Environment.
- D. Environmentally preferable product means a product that throughout the full life cycle of the product or service: 1) is energy efficient, water efficient, bio-based, non-ozone depleting, made with recycled content, or non-toxic; or 2) has other attributes recognized as environmentally preferable by the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee.
- E. Fiber-based products means packaging made from organic fibrous material that will break down into compost.
- F. Food residuals means material derived from the processing or discarding of food, including pre- and post-consumer vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy products, and meats.
- G. Green Concessions means concessions that are conducted in an environmentally preferable and sustainable way (e.g., reducing energy/water use, reducing waste, serving healthy food, etc.)
- H. Sustainable foods and consumer products mean food and products that are produced, processed, distributed, and disposed of in ways that:
 - Contribute to thriving local economies and sustainable livelihoods - both in Maryland and, in the case of imported products, in producer countries;
 - Protect the diversity of both plants and animals and the welfare of farmed and wild species;
 - Avoid damaging or wasting natural resources or contributing to climate change; and
 - Provide social benefits, such as good quality food, safe and healthy products, and educational opportunities.

III. Procedures

A. Concessionaires Responsibilities:

1. Identify a responsible individual to act as its operating entity's Sustainability Liaison.
2. Attend occasional focus meetings led by MAA personnel to discuss topics related to "Green" and sustainability opportunities.
3. Adhere to local and State regulatory requirements relating to the phase out of plastic and other related green requirements.
4. Source-separate all solid waste refuse into recyclables, compostables, and refuse.
5. Communicate plans to MAA Office of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability to:
 - a. Increase procurement of sustainable foods and consumer products;
 - b. Use environmentally preferable cleaning and hygiene products;
 - c. Donate surplus food to the greatest extent allowable by food safety; and
 - d. Phase out all petroleum-based plastic bags, plastic disposable consumer containers, and utensils. Phase in products to replace petroleum-based plastics with glass, aluminum, and compostable, fiber-based products.

NOTE: Confirm with the Office of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability as to which compostable products are accepted by composting vendor.
6. Support MAA waste reduction and sustainability initiatives.
7. Complete annual Green Concessions Report.

B. MAA Responsibilities:

1. Arrange and lead meetings with Concessionaire Sustainability Liaisons.
2. Encourage concessionaires to go beyond mandatory requirements to expand sustainability efforts.
3. Acknowledge and publicize concessionaire's efforts to the traveling public.
4. Prepare, distribute, and collect Green Concessions Report template.

5. Create a Green Concessions certification program to incentivize green concessions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

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