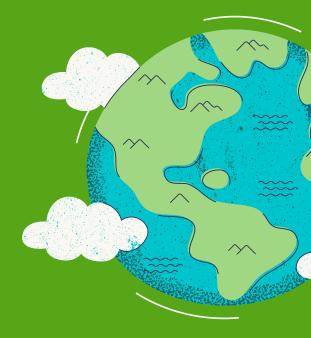
# APHA Green Initiatives



APHA is committed to finding ways to be more eco-friendly and reducing the environmental impact of the Annual Meeting and Expo. Each year APHA implements more green initiatives to encourage sustainability through practice. Below is a list of Annual Meeting green initiatives.

### **Sustainable Partners**

APHA seeks venues, partners, and vendors who are leaders in resource conservation and are LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. We work with organizations that are committed to supporting and encouraging sustainable practices, including the hosting of environmentally friendly "green" meetings.

### **Virtual Access**

APHA offers virtual access to the meeting from start to finish. More than eighty percent of attendees take advantage of the online registration system, preventing the need for printed forms. Presenters and attendees can opt-out of travel and participate virtually. Hundreds of sessions are live-streamed and made available on-demand. All postmeeting surveys and resources are emailed.

# **Digital Tools**

APHA prioritizes digital communication over printed materials. The Annual Meeting offers an online program and app for easy access to session information and details.



# Recycle & Reuse

Recycle bins are placed around the convention center to collect badges and programs that will be turned into raw materials. Meeting room signs are made of bio board and cloth and are used in future meetings. We work with the convention center to reduce the use of plastic in catering orders and donate leftover food to a local food bank.

## **Attendees Can Help**

Help to "green" the meeting by ditching the disposables. Use a reusable water bottle throughout the meeting. Eat local and ask for organic, locally grown produce, free-range/wild-caught fish and meats, and antibiotic-free foods. Reserve your stay with hotels that have sustainability programs. And, opt out of printed materials whenever possible.

