



**DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
2018 ANNUAL REPORT**



Overview

- Denver International Airport (DEN) has been touted as the place where the Rocky Mountains meet the world. The iconic tents are designed to capture the essence of the majestic mountain range. It's perhaps this same vision that serves as the inspiration for being good stewards of the facility itself, the environment in which we operate, and our beloved Colorado outdoors.

2018 Highlights

- DEN experienced another banner year in 2018 in terms of passenger volume - 64.5 million passengers came through the facility. While it continues to support the economic growth of the region, it also opens up risk to impact the air, water, land, and other resources. Thankfully, DEN was the first U.S. airport to have a facility-wide Environmental Management System back in 2004 and that system has continued to be the framework for how we mitigate environmental risk. DEN recently upgraded to the new ISO 14001:2015 standard so we can continue to identify, prioritize, and manage aspects of our operations that could impact the environment.
- Another landmark airport-wide achievement was being named the best airport in the United States by the first-ever Wall Street Journal U.S. Airport Rankings poll. DEN continues to delight its passengers while being the 5th busiest airport in the US and 20th busiest in the world.

New Features

- In an effort to increase recycling rates, DEN has implemented liquid collection sites at all three TSA checkpoints. The new stations encourage passengers to empty liquids they cannot take through the checkpoint and then either recycle the bottle or take the empty bottle with them, to be filled post-security. The new liquid collection sites will cutdown on the number of people that leave liquids in their carry-on bags and reduces the amount of plastic going into the trash that can be recycled or reused. Passengers are encouraged to reuse plastic bottles or refill reusable bottles at one of 29 water bottle filling stations located throughout the airport.

- DEN's concessions are going green with the Certifiably Green Denver sustainability certification program. Businesses achieve certification by implementing sustainable business practices. DEN now hosts 34 certified businesses. Look for the Certifiably Green Denver Logo at participating businesses.
- DEN lightens its landfill load wherever we can. That's why we started collecting "gently used" luggage abandoned by travelers. Our partner, Denver Rescue Mission, redistributes the bags to their clients and other agencies. In 2018, DEN donated 835 pieces of abandoned luggage.

Existing Features

- DEN currently has 29 water bottle filling stations throughout the facility, so passengers can reduce plastic waste while staying hydrated.
- DEN has four buildings on our campus with LEED green building certifications. DEN's Hotel and Transit Center achieved the U.S. Green Building Council's highest green building certification: LEED Platinum.
- DEN is an industry leader in collecting and recycling spent deicing fluid, with 70% of the fluid sprayed on aircraft last winter kept out of the environment.
- Electric vehicle charging stations: 52 – 25 in the West garage (10 Level 2), 11 in the East garage, 11 at 61st and Pena, and 5 in Airside Employee lot (Level 2)

Waste Diversion Statics

- Donated 148,197 meals (or 177,836 pounds of food)
- Recycled 284,531 pounds (142 tons) of glass through Clear Intentions
- Collected 3.5 tons of unused toilet paper for the Denver Rescue Mission
- Diverted/donated 835 pieces of abandoned luggage
- Collected generated 144 tons of compost
- 1,866 tons of materials were recycled throughout 2018
- Recycled 6 tons of plastic film
- Collected 5,918 pounds of electronics during last years' e-waste event