



USC Sustainability Hub

Sustainable Features, Furnishings and Materials

Indoor air pollution levels are often two to five times higher than outdoor air pollution levels, which can impact human health.¹ The sustainable furniture and building materials selected for the USC Sustainability Hub help to lower its carbon footprint and promote a healthier environment.

The USC Sustainability Hub's design features a biophilic² color palette and connects the indoors with the outside via large windows, natural light and wall coverings of California-native trees and plants. Biophilia, warm colors and a connection to the outdoors increases productivity and one's overall well-being.

Read on for more about the sustainable features, furnishings and materials in the USC Sustainability Hub.

Orangebox Air Pods

- Freestanding meeting room or private space
- SCS Indoor Advantage Gold Certified
- 95.95% recyclable if disposed of in the future
- Level 2 certified to ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard
- Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI)

Orangebox On the QT (Zoom) Pods

- Minimizes reverb and the distance sound travels
- Level 2 ANSI/BIFMA Certification Rating
- SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold certified for indoor air quality in North America
- Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI)

Steelcase i2i Collaborative Lounge Chairs

- Steel and cast aluminum chairs made from 99% recyclable materials
- Unique i2i dual swivel mechanism helps users retain eye-to-eye and eye-to-information contact
- Level 3 ANSI/BIFMA Certification Rating
- SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold certified for indoor air quality in North America
- Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI)



1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The total exposure assessment methodology (TEAM) study: Summary and analysis. EPA/600/6-87/002a. Washington, DC.

2. The human instinct to connect with nature and other living beings. McCain, M. (2020, June 23). Bringing the outdoors in: The benefits of biophilia. Be a Force for the Future. <https://www.nrdc.org/bio/maria-mccain/bringing-outdoors-benefits-biophilia>



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Steelcase Bassline Table

- SCS Indoor Advantage Gold™ certified
- Level 3 certified to ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard
- Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI)
- 79% recycled content

Dunn Edwards Paint

- Traditional paints can emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and harm human health
- The paint on the walls and ceiling is low-VOC and free of harmful phthalates and formaldehyde

Photo Wall Covering

- Photo wall coverings are made with biodegradable ink
- Exposure to imagery of nature has been shown to reduce stress and improve mental health

Sit On It Movi Nesting Chairs

- Locally manufactured in Buena Park, CA
- Meets ANSI/BIFMA Level 1 Furniture Sustainability Standards
- Gold Certified for Low Chemical Emissions UL 2818 — 2013 Standard for Chemical Emissions for Building Materials, Finishes and Furnishings

Knoll Textiles Vertical Velvet Drapes

- Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) are synthetic chemicals commonly used in the manufacture of everyday products³
- PFAS-free products, like these drapes, help safeguard our well-being and the environment

3. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Risk management for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under TSCA. (n.d.). <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-management-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>



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