



Sustainable Choices is a traveling exhibit developed by NRG! Exhibits that is currently on tour throughout North America. Contact us for availability.

Purpose

This exhibit shows some of the choices people can make everyday to live sustainably. In this context, sustainability refers to how long human ecological systems can be expected to be usefully productive. From a practical standpoint, this entails meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Goal

Our goal with this exhibit is to focus on sustainability at the individual and family level. How we generate electricity is important, but most visitors can't act on that every day. They do choose daily into which bags to put their groceries and how they wash their clothes. This exhibit will clarify some of these simple choices. Without preaching, we present the facts from the most authoritative

sources we can find. In

some cases, there are no clearly correct choices to make. All of the available choices include environmental trade-offs. But choose we must and this exhibit will help visitors make informed decisions.



Approach

In this exhibit, we are approaching sustainability through everyday objects and activities. Although sustainability is a global and systemic issue, in this context we help the visitor understand his or her role via the familiar and immediate: Choices I make today have a lasting effect.

Regular household objects and tasks (food, plastic bags, laundry, etc.) are presented larger than life in seven themed modules. "From where did I come and where will I go?" is a discovery question for each, to be explored by the visitor through interactives, graphics, and text.



Interactives

- What's that smell? Off-gassing!—Rubber tire smell, vinyl smell, leather smell
- Light (& Heat) Bulbs: Energy converted to light and heat—Test different kinds of bulbs
- Compost Outpost—Plant a seed in peat (optional, depending on venue)
- Quiz Board—How much water goes down the drain?
- Pedal Power—What is energy and how do we use it?
- Sort objects for recycling—Can they all be recycled?
- What does THAT mean?—Decipher those labels: free range, organic, etc



Visitors will also have the opportunity to connect to a community of resources via the exhibit web site, both within the exhibit and afterward.

Specifications

Size: Modular from 500 to 1,500 square feet

Availability: Three-month rentals

Ceiling Height: 8' 6" minimum

Electrical Requirements: Standard electrical supply

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