



**RACKSPACE HOSTING  
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

**30%** water efficiency

**24%** recycled content

**58%** construction waste diverted

**LEED® Facts**

Rackspace Hosting  
San Antonio, TX

LEED® for Commercial Interiors  
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**Gold 33\***

Sustainable Sites 7/7

Water Efficiency 2/2

Energy & Atmosphere 6/14

Materials & Resources 4/14

Indoor Environmental Quality 10/17

Innovation & Design 4/5

*\*Out of a possible 59 points*

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## Rackspace Hosting

# Reducing, reusing, and recycling

Rackspace raises the 'green' standard

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

During the demolition phase, Rackspace removed more than 1,600 tons of steel and other metals, which it sent to be recycled. Overall, more than 1,900 tons of concrete, metal, wood and other materials were recycled. The company also sent six trailer loads of recovered building materials, such as doors, windows and fixtures, to Habitat for Humanity.

All of the design materials, such as the carpeting, were chosen for their ability to fit the profile for no or low volatile organic compounds that could be harmful to environmental health. Also, the design encourages natural lighting through skylights, and since the ceilings are high, lighting can be controlled at every workstation, which, coupled with motion sensors and timers, results in a Lighting Power Density reduction of 15 percent below Standard.

The company installed showers to encourage employees to walk, run or bike to work and the bathrooms feature state-of-the-art hand dryers to reduce paper waste, and low-flow toilets to conserve water. Recycling bins for paper, plastic and aluminum are placed throughout the facility, and the company provides reusable items, such as coffee mugs and cups, in the break areas. The external landscaping was designed to be drought resistant and the irrigation system uses only recycled water that is collected through a cistern located next to the main entrance.

## STRATEGIES AND RESULTS

Aiding Rackspace in achieving its LEED Gold Certification was the company's reuse of a vacated structure, an approach known as urban infill, as part of a community redevelopment program that has benefited surrounding retail businesses, residential neighborhoods and schools. In Phases I and II of the renovation, Rackspace has already built out over 230,000 square feet within the 1.2 million square foot mall, and will continue expanding across the structure with more green office space in Phase III.

## ABOUT RACKSPACE HOSTING

Rackspace Hosting delivers enterprise-level hosting services to businesses of all sizes and kinds around the world. They started in 1998 and since have grown to serve more than 99,000 customers, including over 80,000 cloud computing customers. Rackspace integrates the industry's best technologies for each customer's specific need and delivers it as a service via the company's commitment to Fanatical Support.

"Rackspace's LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership. The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Rackspace serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish."

Rick Fedrizzi  
President, CEO & Founding Chair, USGBC



**Architect:** Interactive Studio  
**Owner:** Rackspace Hosting  
**Contractor:** Metropolitan Contracting Company, LTD  
**Structural Engineer:** Childress Architectural Group  
**MEP Engineer:** Brandt Engineering  
**Civil Engineer:** Pape Dawson  
**Landscape Architect:** TBG  
**Commissioning Agent:** Cleary Zimmerman

**Project Size:** 230,000 square feet

## ABOUT LEED

The LEED® Green Building Rating System™ is the national benchmark for the design, construction, and operations of high-performance green buildings. Visit the U.S. Green Building Council's website to learn more.



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