Sustainable real estate  SDG 11

In keeping with our commitment to continually improve, and our goal of remaining an industry leader in sustainable practices\(^1\), Bell has developed an integrated sustainable real estate vision that addresses building activities (and other infrastructure) that have a potential impact on the environment. Through this, we create sustainable value for our team members and stakeholders.

\(^1\) Bell is the first North American communications company to receive ISO 14001 certification and ISO 50001 certification.
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Part of achieving our vision, which extends beyond compliance with regulatory standards, is our work with the BOMA BEST (Building Owners and Managers Association's Building Environmental Standards) and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building certifications, that are central to ensuring that environmental impacts are considered. Bell actively works to obtain environmental assessments and certifications for its buildings.

Bell operates in 38 buildings with BOMA BEST certification. Of these, 7 have achieved the BOMA BEST Gold or Platinum certification level. Bell also operates in 8 buildings with LEED certification, as detailed below:

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We seek to achieve and maintain high standards for sustainable buildings through the maintenance of the company’s real estate portfolio and the implementation of sustainability initiatives, including the following:
### Sustainable building aspect | Features and benefits
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**Energy efficiency** | • Refer to the [Environmental and energy management system information sheet](#) for details.
**Waste reduction** | • Refer to the [Circular economy information sheet](#) for details.
**Sustainable construction materials or design** | • Reflective roofs that help reduce the urban heat island effect in neighborhoods.
  • Green roofs that reduce roof surface and surrounding air temperatures and stormwater runoff.
**Exterior biodiversity** | • Bee hive installation that introduces pollinators and increases urban biodiversity.
**Efficient water use** | • The ongoing installations of low-pressure water distributors and upgrading or changing cooling towers contribute to reducing water consumption.
**Interior greening** | • Indoor green walls that remove air pollutants, improve biodiversity, reduce noise and improve the occupants' sense of well-being.
**Ecologically-friendly maintenance** | • Use of environmentally certified cleaning products that avoid toxic ingredients.
**Sustainable transport** | • Availability of 93 electric vehicle charging stations installed at 21 sites across Québec and Ontario, for use by our team members to recharge their personal vehicles. This initiative contributes to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation.
  • Bicycle racks that encourage active and sustainable transportation.

We expect to continue implementing sustainability features to help reduce the impacts of our buildings on the environment and contribute to the satisfaction of our team members.
Street furniture

In addition to maintaining a range of certifications for our buildings, Bell strives to limit the environmental impacts of street furniture deployed throughout Canadian cities, including Toronto. In this city alone, more than 4,600 of our bus shelters and 2,200 of our benches have been designed to promote the use of recycled materials and FSC-certified wood. The use of recycled materials promotes a circular economy, whereas the use of FSC-certified wood promotes responsible forest management. Additionally, when planning, modular design is preferred for street furniture as it is easily replaceable (replacement of only the damaged parts) and greatly reduces the volume of waste generated.

An eco-friendly maintenance program that limits the use of chemicals complements these sustainable attributes. In addition, the upstream selection of materials that are easy to clean allows for the quick removal of graffiti and vandalism markings, whilst reducing the waste generated by the replacement of damaged parts.
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