



**Why?**  
*It's good for the environment, socially responsible and makes economic sense*

### What is the Green Spaces Certification Program?

The Green Spaces Certification Program is run by the **Office of Sustainability** at the University of Alberta. The program encourages events, offices, labs and residences to adopt sustainable practices and recognizes the ones which have done so. There are three levels of certification (Bronze, Silver and Gold) that are based on how many applicable *Action Items* on the checklist are completed/accomplished. Learn more at [www.sustainability.ualberta.ca/GetInvolved](http://www.sustainability.ualberta.ca/GetInvolved).

The **2017 WCDS** is proud to have achieved **Silver** level in the Green Spaces Certification program through endeavouring to reduce waste, reuse resources and support local businesses.

### What are some of the things WCDS is doing to become more sustainable?

- Have reusable sponsor and speaker signs that are made locally
- Provide reusable plates, cups, and utensils at meals
- Have online registration and evaluation forms to help reduce paper and printing
- Use a shuttle service to bring speakers to and from the airport
- Hosting WCDS at the Sheraton Red Deer which is a [Green Key Certified](#) hotel

### ***Want to Get Involved?***

- **Car/truckpool** – travel to the seminar with friends, colleagues and/or neighbours. You'll save on gas, can do business and share a few laughs at the same time.
- **Bring your own reusable mug** – it's not only good for the environment it also keeps your coffee/tea warmer for longer.
- **Hand in your nametag** before you leave – less plastic going to landfills is always a good thing.
- **Use the appropriate recycling bins at the seminar when possible**