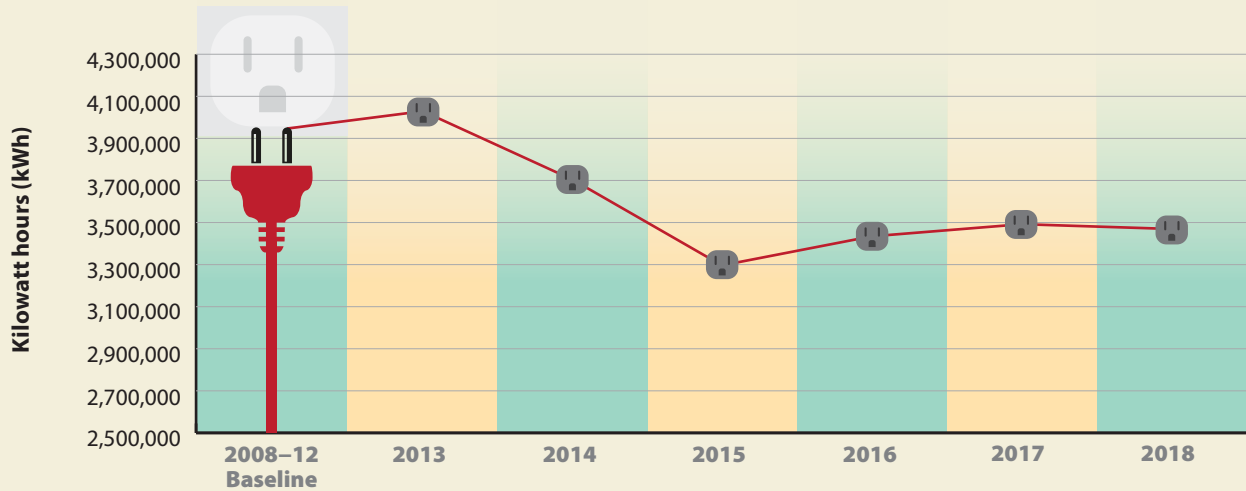


Annual electricity usage at the Seattle Aquarium
2013–2018

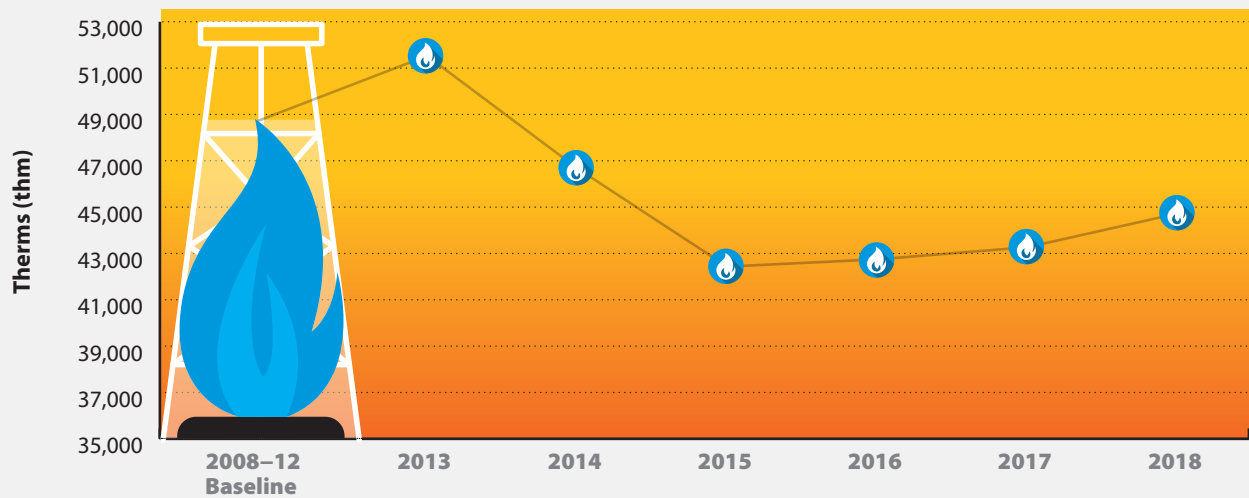


2013: Aquarium installs 49-kilowatt-hour **solar panel array** on the roof of Pier 59.



2014: Aquarium installs **energy efficient fans and air handlers** to improve air circulation.

Annual natural gas usage at the Seattle Aquarium
2013–2018

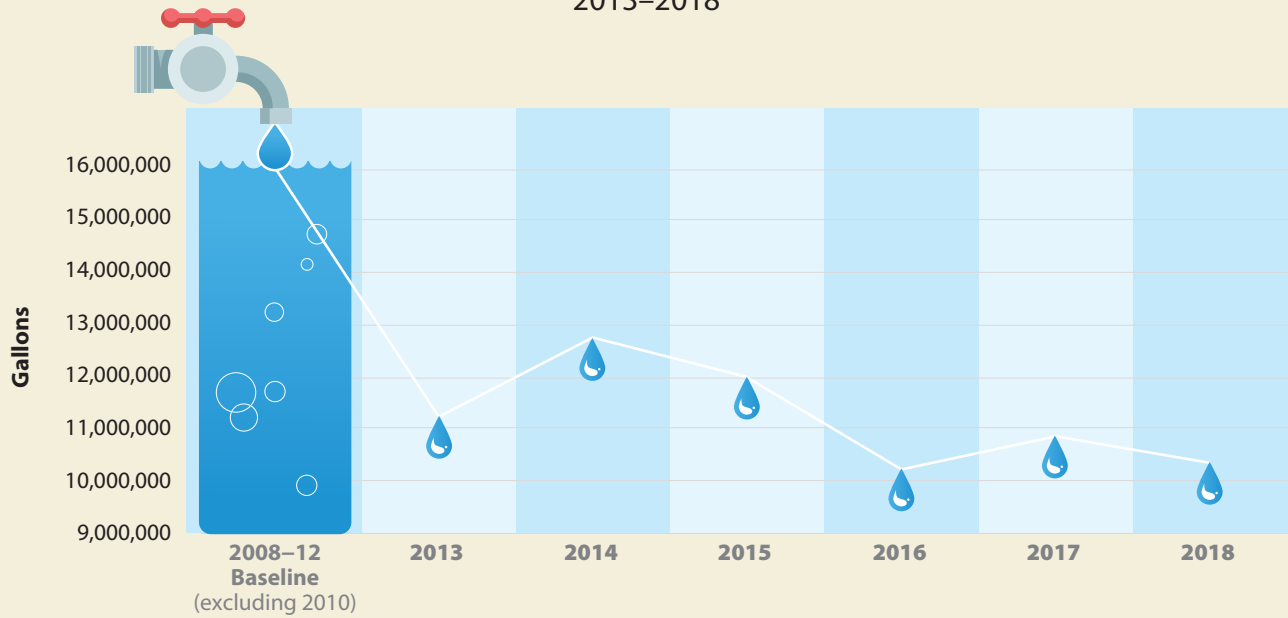


2009: Aquarium café installs **solar hot water heater** in May, halving the amount of natural gas needed to run the café.



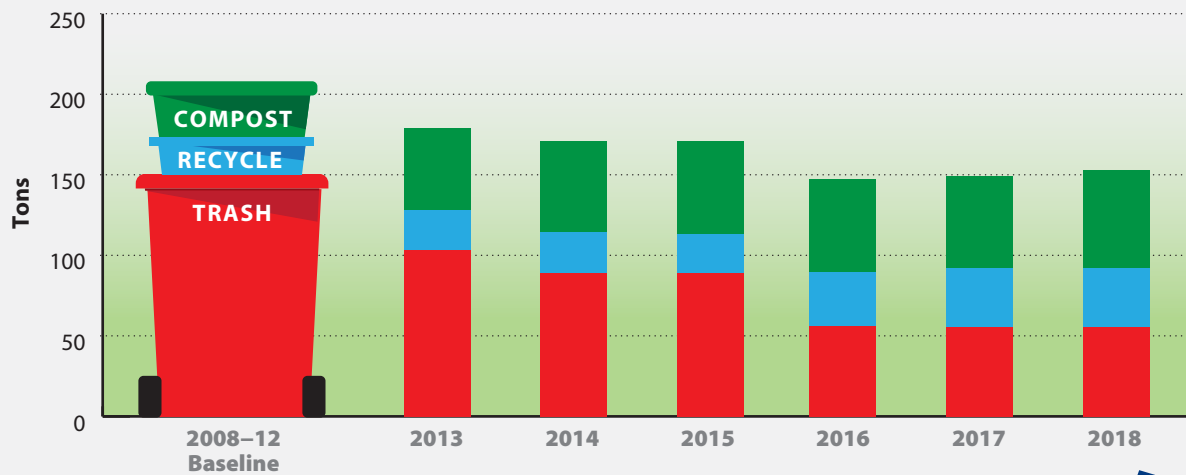
2014: Aquarium installs **energy efficient furnaces and boilers**.

Annual freshwater usage at the Seattle Aquarium 2013–2018



2014: Aquarium installs **dual-flush toilets** in all Pier 59 restrooms and the Pier 60 family restroom to save water.

Composition of the Seattle Aquarium's waste stream by weight 2013–2018



2008: Aquarium café and animal food prep begins **composting food waste**, including about 10 tons of shells from marine mammal food per year.



2010: Aquarium café begins providing **full front-/back-of-house composting**, reducing their landfill waste by 75%.



2010: Aquarium café shifts to **compostable utensils, straws, cups, and lids**.



2017: Aquarium café **switches from single-use** plastic beverage bottles and straws to glass, aluminum, and paper alternatives.

Carbon Offsets



2012:

Aquarium joins **Forterra's Evergreen Carbon Capture program** as one of the founding participants, purchasing and planting trees along salmon-bearing rivers to help offset its carbon footprint and improve salmon habitat.



Transportation



2010:

Aquarium begins offering **subsidized ORCA cards** to full-time staff to encourage the use of public transportation for commuting.

2015:

Aquarium starts providing volunteers with **bus tickets** to encourage the use of public transportation for getting to and from volunteer shifts.

2016:

Aquarium begins offering **subsidized ORCA cards** to part-time staff to encourage the use of public transportation for commuting.

Gift Shop



2005:

Gift shop **stops providing plastic bags**, years ahead of city mandate.

2007:

Aquarium gift shop begins selling **reusable water bottles**.

2008:

Aquarium gift shop begins selling **reusable UseLess bags**.

2016:

Aquarium gift shop begins selling **shirts made of recycled plastic bottles**.

2018:

Aquarium gift shop begins selling **steel straws and toys made of recycled plastic bottles**.

Food Sustainability

2006:

Aquarium joins the **Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch Conservation Partnership**.

2007:

Aquarium café opens, serving **all sustainably-sourced seafood**.

2018:

Aquarium café moves to only serving **seafood from the Seafood Watch "Best Choice" list** and sourcing at least **20% of its produce locally**.

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