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

2013: Aquarium installs 49-kilowatt-hour solar panel array on the roof of Pier S9.

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

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Annual electricity usage at the Seattle Aquarium 2013–2018

Annual natural gas usage at the Seattle Aquarium 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.

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

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

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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.

2006: Aquarium joins the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Seafood Watch Conservation Partnership.

2007: Aquarium café opens, serving all sustainably-sourced seafood.

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.

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