

The MREA'S 32ND ANNUAL
ENERGY FAIR
CLEAN ENERGY + SUSTAINABLE LIVING FOR ALL

Exhibitor Information Packet

Everything exhibitors need to know about exhibiting at the nation's largest and longest running energy education event.

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General Energy Fair Information

Important Dates & Times

Exhibitor Staffing Dates and Hours

Thursday, June 22 (Exhibitor check-in and setup only)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, June 23	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 24	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 25	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fair Dates and Hours

Friday, June 23	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 24	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 25	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 23-25, 2023

Important Addresses

Exhibitor Check-in

7558 Deer Road
Custer, WI 54423
*Look for Roman Pliska Lane once on Deer Road

Shipping Address

Label should read:
Your Company Name, booth number, # of boxes
c/o The Energy Fair
MREA
7558 Deer Rd.
Custer, WI 54423

Back 40 Campground

1215 County Road QQ
Custer, WI 54423

Exhibitor Criteria

All exhibitors must work directly with issues relating to renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable living, or environmental conservation. The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any booths and/or advertisements.

Payment

Once a registration form or exhibitor request has been submitted, at least a 50% non-refundable deposit must be submitted within 10 days. If paying by check, please postmark your check within 10 days of registration.

NEW: Full payment MUST be received by February 15, 2023, to receive the early bird rate. If payment has not been received, the balance due will be updated to the regular rate. **No exceptions will be made.**

NEW: Any exhibitor who has not paid by Thursday, June 22, 2023, will not be allowed to setup their display.

Insurance

Exhibitors need to provide a Certificate of Insurance giving proof of liability insurance. \$1 million liability insurance is suggested. Please name MREA as the certificate holder. MREA assumes no responsibility for any accident, injury, or mishap which may occur with exhibitors, their employees, and/or customers.

Please email your certificate to Brittany Waite at reporting@midwestrenew.org or mail to the address below:

MREA, Attn: Brittany Waite
7558 Deer Road
Custer, WI 54423

Booth Information

Both inside and outside booths measure 10'x 10' and include one 8' table and two chairs. You may purchase additional tables and chairs through the MREA. If you would like to make additions to your registration, please contact Katie Collins at collins@midwestrenew.org. Any booth that will necessitate drilling into the ground will need the approval of Energy Fair Staff.

Indoor Booths

All inside booth flooring will be comprised of lawn and be under tents. Indoor spaces will be under tents – Exhibit Tents A, B, and C. Each tent will be enclosed on two sides by tent walls. The exhibit area will be closed and secured at 5:00 p.m. each night of The Energy Fair. There will be security on the premises 24-hours a day throughout The Energy Fair. Inner spaces may be no taller than 10.' **Spaces along tent periphery have a limit of 8' due to tent roof height.**

Outdoor Booths:

Outdoor booth spaces do not include shelter. Exhibitors may rent or construct their own shelter (must be frame tents only and must fit within 10' x 10' exhibit area). There are no vertical limits for outdoor booths.

MREA Preferred Tent Rental Company Per Exclusivity Agreement:

Charnecke Tents- 715-341-6886

*** Exhibitors must notify MREA if Charnecke will be setting up a tent in your exhibit area.**

Setup

Setup begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22. All booths must be setup by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 unless another time has been arranged with MREA staff. *All exhibitors must report to MREA exhibitor check-in to verify space assignments and pick up exhibitor badges prior to booth setup.* Please refer to The Energy Fair Exhibitor Setup Map (sent at a later date) for traffic flow instructions.

During setup vehicles can pull into the exhibit area to promptly unload. Vehicles must then be moved to the parking lot. **In order to avoid congestion please move vehicles as soon as possible.** No vehicles will be permitted in the display area after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22. After 6:00 p.m. your check-in materials will be moved to Will-Call on the East end of the fairgrounds by the fair entrance.

If your booth needs to be re-stocked throughout The Energy Fair, vehicles may be within the display area only from **7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.** each day.

Please ensure that your displays are safe, sturdy, and do not encroach on your neighbors' space. MREA reserves the right to request removal of any displays or structures deemed unsafe, or that are encroaching into another vendor's booth.

Parking for Exhibitors

Exhibitors are **not** allowed to park their trailers and/or vehicles in the main parking lot during The Energy Fair. There is a designated long vehicle and trailer parking area at the far East side of the parking lot. Exhibitors that do not comply will run the risk of having their vehicles towed to the correct area without notice.

Exhibitors must park in the general parking lot at all times unless setting up or taking down their booth(s) during the times listed above. If your booth needs additional materials during The Energy Fair, a staff member or volunteer may help haul materials via wagon or golf cart.

Takedown

2 Day Exhibitors: Exhibits may be removed after 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. 2 Day Exhibitors are required to stay through the end of the exhibiting hours on Saturday and are not permitted to start dismantling their booth spaces prior to this time. This decision is made for the safety of our attendees and respect for surrounding exhibitors. Any articles or materials not removed from the grounds by 8:01 a.m. on Sunday, June 25 will be disposed of by the MREA. The exhibitor will be billed for all disposal costs.

3 Day Exhibitors: Exhibits may be removed after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. No exhibitor can start dismantling his or her display before 3:00 p.m. All exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 26. Any articles or materials not removed from the grounds by 9:01 a.m. will be disposed of by the MREA. The exhibitor will be billed for all disposal costs.

Electricity

All electricity needs to be ordered in advance through the MREA. There is a \$75 charge per unit of access (300 watts). Exhibitors must supply their own extension cords (must be of the three-wire #14 ground, hard-usage type). No 2-wire extension wiring will be allowed. There is a limited number of booth spaces with electricity available. If you need electricity, please be sure that you indicated your electrical needs on your exhibitor application. If you did not indicate electrical needs on your application, please contact Katie Collins at collins@midwestrenew.org or by calling the MREA office at 715-592-6595 to order.

Shipping to The Energy Fair

Materials shipped to The Energy Fair **MAY NOT** arrive before Monday, June 12. Please make sure each box is marked with your company name, booth number and total number of boxes (example: 1 of 5, 2 of 5 etc.)

Shipments should be sent to:

Your Company Name, booth number, # of boxes
c/o The Energy Fair
MREA
7558 Deer Rd.
Custer, WI 54423

Shipping from The Energy Fair

YOU must make arrangements with the shipper. Please label all boxes (include your business name, contact person for the shipment, and complete shipping address). Package each box for the shipment. If it isn't packed the shipper may not take the item. If you can carry your shipment, please move it to the White tent (southwest workshop tent) upon leaving The Energy Fair. If you need forklift service, leave your package at your booth and notify a staff member that your package is ready to be moved to the shipment tent.

Please let your shipper know that the pickup must occur on:

Monday, June 26 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Exhibitors will be billed for storage costs for packages left after June 26.

Exhibitor Badges

Each exhibitor will receive complimentary exhibitor badges. Quantity is based on exhibit level:

Artisan: 2

Non-Profit: 2

Cottage Industry: 4

Manufacturer/Distributor: 4

Badges give access to The Energy Fair each day. Additional badges are available for purchase for \$45 each; contact the MREA office at 715-592-6595 to order. Badges may also be purchased at The Front Gate. In the event that a new staff person needs to pick up their badge for their shift, you will be responsible for getting the extra badge to the Will Call tent near the front entrance for the new staff person to pick up. Badges not in use may stay at Will Call throughout the weekend for new arrival pick up. **If this is not done, we will not allow new staff to enter the Fair without an exhibitor badge.**

Internet

Internet access is currently being evaluated; access details will be available closer to the event.

Refunds

A 50% refund will be issued to an exhibitor if a written cancellation request is submitted to the MREA by March 15, 2023. Refunds will not be issued after that date. No exceptions or credits will be made. Those who register after this date will have 10 business days after they receive their confirmation to cancel and still receive a 50% refund. No exceptions or credits will be made.

Multilevel Marketing

Multilevel marketing recruitment practices are not allowed at The Energy Fair. A multilevel marketer is one that recruits other dealers to sell their product. Recruiting other dealers is not allowed at The Energy Fair; selling of product is allowed.

Biomass Fired Demonstrations

All indoor biomass-fired space heating devices must meet Phase II EPA emissions standards in order to be displayed or sold at The Energy Fair. Phase II limits are 4.1 grams/hour for appliances with catalytic combustors, and 7.5 grams/hour for appliances without catalytic combustors. Independent testing results must be provided for each device in order for it to be demonstrated or displayed at The Energy Fair.

All outdoor wood-fired boilers must meet EPA Phase II White Tag Emission Standards.

Burning for demonstration purposes *may* be allowed at The Energy Fair per approval from the Town of Stockton Fire Chief. If interested, please contact Celia at celia@midwestrenew.org.

Music

No copyrighted, recorded, or live music may be played aloud during this event unless it is approved by BMI. To see if the music you'd like to play is covered by BMI, search their repertoire at <http://repertoire.bmi.com/StartPage.aspx>. However, music can be played if it is original, licensed to you (the performer), or unlicensed. Please review the noise policy below.

Noise Policy

Sound devices are subject to approval of the MREA and if allowed, must be controlled so as not to interfere with other exhibitors or workshop presentations. The privilege for use of such sound devices may be revoked at any time by air management. The Energy Fair does not allow exhibitors to run engines or make noise in their exhibit booths that will interfere with other exhibitors.

Training Roof Exhibitor Booths

The booths numbered (#T1-T6) are reserved for exhibitors relating directly to PV installation. To select a space in this section, please contact Celia Sweet at celia@midwestrenew.org.

Artisan Market Booths

If you previously exhibited in the Artisan Market, you will now be in the Sustainable Living & Market Tent.

Event Security

The Energy Fair will provide overnight security. However, to maintain a secure event and protect exhibitor merchandise, NO EXHIBITORS will be let into any exhibit area before official move-in times or allowed to stay in the exhibit area after The Energy Fair closes on Friday or Saturday.

Please note: EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF ITEMS IN THEIR EXHIBIT BOOTHS.

Networking Dinner for Exhibitors

There will be food available on Thursday night, June 22 at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be given vouchers for dinner in accordance with the number of badges available based on your exhibitor type. Any physical badges will be available at check in at the event.

Rainbows End Children's Area

This area is NOT a daycare. An adult must accompany children at all times (unless otherwise noted due to policy change). This area will be closely monitored so that children are not left unattended.

Waste-

Waste Reduction

Exhibitors are responsible for leaving their booth space clean and free of trash or other materials. Booths will be inspected after move-out is complete. If the booth is not clean and free of materials, with the exception of freight packaged and labeled for shipment, fines will be imposed.

Waste Not, Want Not

We encourage exhibitors to evaluate what they bring to the event based on if it is recyclable, reusable, or waste. Your effort to minimize waste in booths will assist overall in our goals for 'minimum footprint exhibiting.' There will be a storage area on-site where exhibitors can store their cardboard and packing materials during the Fair for reuse when packing up their booths. Cardboard and packaging materials should be clearly labeled with booth numbers, company names, and contact information. The location of this area will be determined by move-in day. Please also note that The Energy Fair does not allow exhibitors to hand out plastic promotional bags.

Waste Stations – What Goes Where?

Waste Stations will be setup throughout The Energy Fair for: compost, mixed recycling, and garbage/landfill. There is a dumpster for flattened cardboard located onsite as well.

Compost

Energy Fair compost is defined as all food scraps from food vendors or any food you bring into the event (except meat and dairy). All food and service ware dispensed at the event must be biodegradable and should go in the compost. Napkins and food-soiled paper should go in the compost as well.

Recyclable Materials and Paper Items

Containers (bottles and cans)	Paper bags/packages
Glass jars and bottles	Newspapers

Tin/steel cans	Junk mail
Plastic bottles (1 and 2)	Magazines & catalogs
Aluminum cans	Office & other paper
Flattened cardboard	Wood boxes

Kennels/Dogs

Dogs are **not** allowed on the fairgrounds, in the parking lot, or in the campgrounds. Dogs and/or any other animal found in any of these areas will be reported to staff and may be removed by the authorities. For a small fee you can keep your pet safe and comfortable at one of the following kennels:

Wag Inn Kennels (Custer, close to Energy Fair)	715-592-4972
Country Paws Bed & Biscuit (Stevens Point)	715-544-4448
Pawsitively Unleashed! (Custer)	715-347-3294
The Barking Lot (Stevens Point)	715-341-9322
Camp Bandy Pet Resort (Amherst Jct.)	715-824-3900
Muckamoor Boarding Kennel (Plover)	715-344-8533

Travel and Accommodations

Travel and accommodation resources are available at <https://www.theenergyfair.org/accommodations>.

MREA will be providing a shuttle to and from The Energy Fair and Stevens Point. Locations are to be announced. Exact times of each shuttle will be published online as soon as they are available.

Rules and Regulations for The 2023 Energy Fair

- A. Once a registration form has been submitted, at least a 50% non-refundable deposit must be submitted within 10 days. If paying by check, please postmark your check within 10 days of registration. Failure to pay or postmark within ten days will result in the cancellation of your registration.
- B. **Payment MUST be received by February 15, 2023, to receive the early bird rate. If payment has not been received, the balance due will be updated to the regular rate.**
- C. **Any exhibitor who has not paid in full by Thursday, June 22, 2023, will not be allowed to setup their display.**
- D. Cancellations: Exhibitors must notify Energy Fair management in writing by March 15, 2023, in order to receive a 50% refund. All cancellations received after this date will not receive a refund. Those who register after this date will have 10 business days after they receive their confirmation to cancel and still receive a 50% refund. No exceptions will be made.
- E. No refunds will be given to no-show exhibitors.
- F. All non-profit registrations received will need to include a 501(c)(3) number. If this is not provided, your organization will not qualify for the non-profit rate. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- G. It is mutually understood and agreed that any changes to the terms of this contract are not valid unless they are made in writing and signed by both parties.
- H. NO pets are allowed anywhere in the parking areas, fairgrounds, or campground. Fair management has the right to contact the Portage County animal control office to have animals removed from any area of The Energy Fair.
- I. All 2 Day exhibitors will be required to keep their booths open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. All 3 Day exhibitors will be required to keep their booths open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. If Energy Fair management notices any exhibitor has left before these times, this exhibitor may not be invited to setup at future Energy Fairs.

- J. Exhibitors are expected to have at least one person at their exhibit at all times while the Fair is open to the public. If you will be unable to do so, please contact Energy Fair management.
- K. Exhibits must be confined to the exhibitor's assigned space and in NO case may extend to any other part of the grounds.
- L. Exhibitors must keep their exhibit space neat and clean, taking every precaution against possible injury to visitors, guests, or employees.
- M. Each exhibitor is responsible for the cleanup of his or her exhibit area. If this is not done, clean up charges will be imposed.
- N. All packaging material used to ship your products will have a designated storage area at the fairgrounds so that you can re-use the packaging material when shipping back your product. Please utilize this option. The location of this area will be provided at a later date. Please label all packaging that you wish to reclaim. Packaging that is not labeled is available for all exhibitors to use. If your packaging material is not salvageable after shipment is received at The Energy Fair, please take this material to the recycling/garbage/cardboard area.
- O. Sharing exhibit space with another company is not permitted, violators will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- P. If an exhibitor is setup in the wrong space, he or she agrees to move to the correct location at his or her own expense and without protest. Further, he or she agrees to pay any contracted parties for the transfer of any installed equipment or tent, unless the contractor failed to follow his or her instructions.
- Q. Sound devices are subject to approval of the MREA and if allowed, must be controlled so as not to interfere with other exhibitors or workshop presentations. The privilege for use of such sound devices may be revoked at any time by fair management. The Energy Fair does not allow exhibitors to run engines or make noise in their exhibit booths that will interfere with other exhibitors.
- R. Neither the MREA nor any officers, board members and/or staff members will be responsible for the safety of the property of exhibitors from theft, damages by fire, water, storm, vandalism, or other causes, but will take responsible precautions to protect the exhibitors from such loss.
- S. If liability or property damage insurance is desired, the exhibitor should obtain it. MREA strongly recommends that, in addition to other insurance, exhibitors obtain public liability insurance to protect against possible claims arising out of the exhibit and The Energy Fair.
- T. Halogen lighting usage for exhibit booths is not permitted at The Energy Fair.
- U. Plastic bags may NOT be given out as promotional items.
- V. Smoking is prohibited in booths, workshop tents, and buildings.
- W. Exhibitors may not park in The Energy Fair parking area near the Entrance Gate unless a handicapped window tag is displayed in the vehicle; there is a designated public parking area for all exhibitor vehicles. Exhibitors that do not follow this requirement may run the risk of having their vehicle towed to the appropriate parking area. This rule is non-negotiable.
- X. The decision of the MREA Executive Director or their representative(s), in their official capacities, must be accepted as final in any disagreement.
- Y. The MREA reserves the right to refuse, stop, relocate, or remove from The Energy Fair any exhibitor or their representative and/or exhibit, performing any act or practice which, in the opinion of MREA, is illegal, objectionable, interferes with the performance of other exhibitors, creates a health, safety, or fire hazard, or violates any rules stated herein.
- Z. All exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and according to the rules of this agreement. Any unruly conduct, refusal to follow rules, or use of foul language to Energy Fair patrons or personnel will be considered grounds for expulsion from the event. Such exhibitors will not be invited to return to subsequent holdings of this event.
- AA. The MREA provides an opportunity for both exhibitors and the public to benefit from the purpose of The Energy Fair. It is our policy to protect the environment and respect all participants in this event. We must insist that exhibitors provide the same protection for the environment and respect for all participants including fellow exhibitors. MREA retains the right to remove any exhibitor and his or her exhibit from the event if the exhibitor does not comply with all written rules and regulations as stated above.

- BB. Exhibitors shall comply with those laws, rules and regulations and codes of the state of Wisconsin, Portage County, and of the MREA.
- CC. Political exhibitors at The Energy Fair are prohibited from directly supporting any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office in coordination with the MREA name, logo, or program branding of any kind. Exhibitors are prohibited from fundraising for political candidates or parties during The Energy Fair. Exhibit opportunities at the Fair are open to all political parties, movements, and candidates on an equal basis; however, we will not tolerate political activity that pretends to have the endorsement of the MREA or that is hateful or discriminatory in nature. Exhibits should be informational in nature and not be for the purposes of fundraising from attendees of The Energy Fair.