



WEFTEC 2021 Exhibitor FAQs

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As WEF plans for WEFTEC 2021, we have developed these FAQs based on exhibitor feedback and anticipated exhibitor needs.

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GENERAL

Q: Is WEFTEC 2021 taking place in person or virtually this year?

A: WEF is planning WEFTEC 2021 as an in-person event:
WEFTEC 2021
McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Conference: October 16–20
Exhibition: October 18–20

WEF is also planning an online experience to accommodate people that are not able to participate in person:

WEFTEC Online
November 16-18, 2021

Q: What are the WEFTEC online offerings for exhibitors who are planning to exhibit in-person? What offerings are available for exhibitors who only want to exhibit virtually?

A: Based on experiences from staff, attendees, and exhibitors at WEFTEC Connect, WEFTEC's 2020 virtual event, WEF is evaluating system requirements and options to determine what we will use for the online component of WEFTEC 2021. Details are expected to be shared June 2021.

Q: What are WEF members and stakeholders saying about their plans to attend WEFTEC?

A: In April 2021, WEF surveyed more than 17,400 water industry professionals and they shared their feedback. [View the survey results.](#)

Q: What health and wellbeing requirements will you have in place at WEFTEC 2021?

A: View WEFTEC's Health and Wellbeing plans: <https://www.weftec.org/attend/health-and-wellbeing/>

Q: How can I follow plans for Chicago and McCormick Place re-opening for WEFTEC 2021?

A: Chicago [announced on May 4](#) that McCormick Place will resume conventions in July. [Healthy Meetings Chicago](#), a digital platform currently available for viewing on a desktop or laptop, showcases the health and safety advantages of hosting future meetings and events at Chicago's McCormick Place. The platform will be updated as circumstances evolve.

HOUSING

Q: When can I reserve housing for WEFTEC 2021?

A: Companies that reserved booth space and paid their space deposit fee during the March through mid-April Advance Sales process were eligible to submit advance housing requests through April 23. Companies that participate in the Second Round and General Sales process mid-April through October will have access to Exhibitor housing when it officially opens on June 14.

Exhibitor housing may be accessed through the [WEFTEC Exhibitor Dashboard](#). Login credentials for the dashboard are provided once WEF has received payment of your booth space deposit.

Look before you book! Convention Management Resources (CMR) is the official hotel management company for WEFTEC. No other hotel management company or travel agency is authorized to place reservations on behalf of the Water Environment Federation.

RESERVE EXHIBIT SPACE

Q: Where can I find general exhibiting information?

A: Find the floorplan, exhibit rates, payment schedule and cancellation policy, exhibitor license, and more at www.weftec.org/exhibit2021.

Q: How do I reserve my space?

A: If you are new to WEFTEC or last exhibited prior to WEFTEC 2019, we invite you to complete a general sales application here: https://weftec21.exh.mapyourshow.com/6_0/boothsales/index.cfm?

If you are a company who was eligible to select space during Advance or Second Round Sales and missed your appointment, please contact WEFTECSales@wef.org for your customized application link.

Q: What does the online application look like?

A: Reference the [Booth Application Step-By-Step Guide](#) to see what information will be required for you to complete the application for booth space.

Q: I have a WEFTEC 2021 credit on file with you. Do I need to complete the online contract process?

A: Yes. Every exhibitor must select a space and sign a WEFTEC 2021 exhibit space contract to reserve booth space. Your credit will be applied towards your booth deposit payment.

Q: What changes can I expect to see on the floorplan?

A: WEF has developed the WEFTEC 2021 floorplan with current safety guidelines in place. Should we be able to relax the requirements later, we will, but it is easier to create a floorplan with these in mind now, rather than retrofit later. Here are some of the elements included:

- Wider entrances and exits allowing 2-way traffic;
- Specialty areas including Operations Challenge, Innovation Showcase, Stormwater Pavilion, Intelligent Water Pavilion, 100-Mile Pavilion, Drinking Water Pavilion, Career Fair, Lounge/Mobile Session areas. Areas have been expanded and/or adjusted to accommodate physical distancing;
- Additional 20' and 40' main aisles and cross aisles added;
- Inline 10x10 booths will be reserved with a minimum of 5'x10' between two exhibiting companies so they are not adjacent to each other;
- Allowance for larger concessions/seating in both North and South Halls.

Q: What specialty areas are on the floorplan?

A: WEFTEC features some recognizable and new pavilions on the floor this year. Apart from the 100 Mile Pavilion, to qualify for the pavilions below, exhibitors must submit product literature to WEFTECSales@wef.org for approval and may book in the pavilion if they are pre-qualified.

- Stormwater Pavilion: Companies exhibiting in this pavilion must have 50% or more of display must focus on stormwater and wet weather management products.
- Innovation Neighborhood
 - Innovation Row: Surrounding Innovation Pavilion, Discovery Zone, and Distributed Infrastructure Zone, these booths are for alumni of the pavilion and other companies who have won recent innovative product awards.
 - Innovation Pavilion: Showcases winners of the BlueTech Forum Innovation Award and Imagine H2O's Consumer Innovations Prize. The Innovation theater will feature presentations by the award winners.
 - Discovery Zone: Available to startups who are first time exhibitors and have won innovation awards or companies who are exhibiting for the first time on their own outside of the Innovation Pavilion. These spaces are 8'x8' and come with a basic counter, carpet, and chairs.
 - **NEW!** Distributed Infrastructure Zone: This zone focuses on the treatment and disposal of reuse water – rainwater, greywater, wastewater, or other alternative water supplies – in or near buildings and the property close to them. Companies exhibiting here must have at least 50% of their display focused on distributed infrastructure.
- **NEW!** Intelligent Water Pavilion: For exhibitor featuring product(s) that use technology to optimize system operations, promote the application of process instrumentation, control equipment and automation, and the management of information in the water environment. 75% or more of display must be dedicated to smart water solutions and/or intelligent water technologies.
- **NEW!** 100 Mile Pavilion: For companies located within 100 miles of Chicago, Illinois, USA. Highlights local companies and emphasizes sustainability.
- **NEW!** Drinking Water Pavilion: For exhibitors with a drinking water treatment/distribution system focus. Companies exhibiting within this pavilion must have at least 50% of their display dedicated to drinking water. Drinking water and related programming will take place in the SDG 6 Theater located in the Drinking Water Pavilion.

EXHIBITOR MEMBERSHIP

Q: Do I need to renew my 2021 WEF exhibitor membership prior to selecting my space?

A: Yes, WEF recommends exhibiting companies confirm their 2021 WEF exhibitor membership status and renew, if needed, before the online contract process begins. When exhibiting companies complete the online booth contract, the system will default to an exhibitor member or non-member rate, based on the exhibiting company's current membership status. If a non-member exhibiting company contracts space and would later like to purchase exhibitor membership and receive the member rate, the exhibiting company must provide documentation of membership payment and active status before the exhibit rate is adjusted to the member rate.

Learn more about WEF exhibitor membership: www.wef.org/exhibitormembership

Confirm your company WEF exhibitor membership, renew, or join:

WEF Member Services

1-800-666-0206

csc@wef.org

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Q: Where can I view the WEFTEC 2021 Exhibitor Terms and Conditions?

A: [Access the Exhibitor License Agreement.](#)

Q: What is the exhibit payment schedule?

A: A 25% deposit is due with your signed booth contract. Exhibitors with a WEFTEC 2021 credit on file may use this towards their 25% deposit and will be invoiced for the remaining balance, if applicable. Exhibitors have the option to make a credit card payment online, or send a check, ACH, or wire transfer once they submit their application.

Full payment of the balance is due no later than June 30, 2021. *(This date was moved from May 31 to June 30 to provide exhibitors with more flexibility.)*

Q: What if I need to cancel my exhibit space?

A: Exhibitors cancelling or reducing space reservations by June 30, 2021, are subject to liquidated damages of 10% of total booth fees of the cancelled space. Cancellations/reductions on July 1 or later are subject to liquidated damages of 100% of total booth fees. Once contracted, any cancellations or reductions in booth space must be received in writing to WEFTECSales@wef.org.

Q: What happens if WEFTEC 2021 must cancel the in-person component because of COVID? Will I get a refund?

A: Should WEF cancel the in-person component of WEFTEC 2021, WEF will refund 100% of booth fees paid at the time of WEF's notification of cancellation. WEF will not refund any exhibitor's cancellation or reduction fees incurred prior to WEF's cancellation of in-person WEFTEC.

Q: I am unable to reserve WEFTEC 2021 exhibit space at this time. Can I transfer my credit monies to WEFTEC 2022?

A: Yes. Additionally, you have the opportunity to place your credit towards another WEF program, such as [WEF Specialty Conferences](#), [WEF Advertising](#), or [WEF Buyer's Guide](#).

Q: If WEF cancels the in-person component of WEFTEC 2021, what options will be available related to priority points.

A: Currently, WEF has not finalized a plan for priority points if WEF must cancel the in-person component. However, we do plan to put a freeze on points for companies who are unable to exhibit at WEFTEC 2021, meaning they will not lose all points if they do not exhibit this fall.

EXHIBITOR SERVICES

Q: When will the Exhibitor Service Manual be ready?

A: Exhibitor service materials are being added to the WEFTEC Exhibitor Dashboard and notifications will be going out as new information is available. The complete Service Manual will be available in June. Exhibitors receive login credentials to their dashboard upon receipt of booth deposit.

Q: Who can answer questions about exhibitor services?

A: Send any questions about exhibitor services, including move-in/move-out dates, hanging signs, ordering of services, etc., to expoinfo@wef.org or swalter@wef.org.

Q: Who is the Official Service Contractor for WEFTEC?

A: Freeman is the designated Official Service Contractor.

REGISTRATION

Q: When does registration open?

A: Exhibitor registration is anticipated to open in late June.

Q: What is the Booth Personnel Allotment?

A: Exhibitors will receive 4 complimentary booth personnel registrations per 100 square feet contracted. Additional booth personnel will be able to register for \$100 each. Exhibitor booth personnel badges do allow entry to technical sessions at no additional fee.

PROGRAMMING AND SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Q: Can I speak during the technical sessions?

A: The 2021 general call for abstracts is now closed (closed December 1, 2020). If you submitted an abstract, you can find updates here: <https://www.weftec.org/speak/call-for-abstracts/technical-sessions/>

Q: Are there other speaking opportunities available to exhibitors?

A: Yes! Speaking opportunities will be available exclusively to exhibitors including Technology Spotlights (formerly called “Mobile Sessions”) and Company Demonstrations. Please follow this website for updates on when submissions are being accepted: <https://www.weftec.org/speak/call-for-abstracts/>.

Q: What other opportunities are available to promote my products and services at WEFTEC?

A: The New Products Submission for WE&T is available exclusively to exhibitors, and available at no charge. Visit the [New Products Submission Page in the Exhibitor Toolkit](#) to submit your entry by July 11. The new product section is limited to 60 products.

WEFTEC SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

Q: Where can I learn more about WEFTEC sponsorship and advertising opportunities?

A: WEFTEC Sponsorships: <https://www.weftec.org/sponsor-advertise/sponsorships/>

WEFTEC Advertising: <https://www.weftec.org/sponsor-advertise/advertise/>

SPECIALTY CONFERENCES

Q: Apart from WEFTEC, what other events is WEF hosting in 2021?

A: WEF is hosting several virtual specialty conferences this year including Collections Systems, Odors and Air Pollutants, Residual and Biosolids, and the Stormwater Summit. New this year, Innovations in Process Engineering Conference 2021 – New Tools, Technologies, and Techniques for Research, Design and Operation, will debut.

Learn more about opportunities at WEF specialty conferences: <https://www.wef.org/conferences>

WEF ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

Q: My company is seeking additional exposure to WEF’s member audiences. How can I learn more?

A: There are a variety of year-round advertising and marketing programs available at WEF to support organization’s marketing objectives:

WEF Advertising: <https://www.wef.org/advertise>

WEF Buyer’s Guide: <https://wefbuyersguide.wef.org/>

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