



Green Practices and Initiative Highlights

Energy Efficiency

- ❑ Programmable Digital Thermostat in every guest room set at 72 degrees
- ❑ Drapes closed to 90% to keep rooms cool
- ❑ Compact Fluorescent light bulbs in guest rooms to reduce energy consumption
- ❑ Lights are turned off when guest is not present in sleeping rooms
- ❑ Dimming controls in meeting space to provide ambiance and energy savings
- ❑ Energy Star rated office equipment through out the hotel
- ❑ Engineering team constantly maintains and oversees all machinery to ensure it is operating at the most energy efficient level
- ❑ 23% Geo Thermal energy
- ❑ 18% Hydro electric energy
- ❑ <1% solar and wind energy

Water Efficiency

- ❑ All toilets, showerheads and faucets are rated as conservation devices, while still providing high quality water flow
- ❑ We use a water/heat recovery system

Waste Management

- ❑ Recycling containers in every office and area of the hotel
- ❑ Recycling program and Education for employees to learn how to help and work as well as at home
- ❑ Information is often sent electronically instead of printed
- ❑ Green waste from landscaping is used as compost by an outside company
- ❑ Televisions, computer monitors, copiers, printers and other electronic devices are recycled.

Recycling

- ❑ Paper
- ❑ Newsprint
- ❑ Cardboard
- ❑ Metals
- ❑ Plastics
- ❑ Glass
- ❑ Kitchen grease

- ❑ Batteries
- ❑ Linen
- ❑ Motor oil
- ❑ Front of house recycling containers by April of 2009

Housekeeping

- ❑ Voluntary towel and sheet reuse program allows the guest to if, and how often, towels and sheets are refreshed during their stay
- ❑ Use of Ecolab Green Seal chemicals
- ❑ Donate old uniforms and linens to non-profit organizations

Vendors

- ❑ Items purchased in bulk and locally when possible to save packaging and emissions
- ❑ Crates and Pallets are returned to shippers or picked up by an outside company
- ❑ We encourage our vendors to use environmentally friendly products
- ❑ We focus on Green Vendors regarding our purchasing policies
- ❑ We support local and organic growers
- ❑ No idle zone on front drive of hotel to reduce emissions

Marketing

- ❑ Market programs and initiatives on our website and in-room television to reduce collateral waste.
- ❑ Press releases on a regular basis regarding updates of new initiatives
- ❑ 35% Post-recycled paper for all printed Sales collateral
- ❑ Electronic e-cards and e-proposals to reduce paper consumption
- ❑ E-proposals and Catering website for event planning
- ❑ Green amenities for group conference giveaways, upon request
- ❑ In room communication is printed on recycled paper
- ❑ Discounted trolley passes to encourage employees to use alternative transportation

Food and Beverage

- ❑ All food donations go to the San Diego Food Bank
- ❑ Banquet oversets are 3-5% to eliminate food waste
- ❑ Condiments in bulk, upon request
- ❑ Local “green” menus for banquet events available

Awards

Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP)-Administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

WRAP Award Winner- 2008, 2007, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998