



Environmental Program Details

Certification: Steward level from Green Lodging Michigan

Best Practices:

- Our vendors use local produce when available and up to our standards
- We offer paperless checkout.
- We partner with other environmentally friendly organizations such as Gilchrist & Soames and Fiji
- Our letter head and envelopes are made of 30% recycled paper
- We have Evernue Mattresses in 20% of our rooms. These only require the (removable/washable) top be replaced after 6 years and the box springs are made from 100 % recycled material.
- Hotel guest pens made from bio-degradable materials
- Blankets made of recyclable materials are now available for guests.

Inks: All documents are printed using environmentally safe ink in printers and copiers.

Organic Foods & Beverages: Organic coffee, teas and juices are offered and our produce vendors use earth friendly growing practices.

Reduce:

- We work hard to minimize the number of deliveries per week from our vendors.
- Reduce consumption of 70,000 water bottles during turn down service by offering other options.
- Reduce consumption of 40,000 ice bags by changing turn down practices.
- Reduce fresh flower arrangements by ordering only for occupied rooms.

Reuse:

- Linen/towel reuse program - Guests are given the option not to have their bedroom and bathroom linen and towels washed daily thereby reducing energy, water and detergent consumption.
- Reuse discarded terry clothes by using as housekeepers rags.
- We offer reusable plates, utensils, napkins, glasses, coasters, newspaper, hair dryer bags.

Recycling: The hotel currently has recycling programs for paper, bottles, cans and an ongoing search for more and better ways to recycle.

Energy Conservation:

- Florescent light bulbs are used throughout the hotel and parking garage.
- Parking garage exhaust fans use sensors to run only when needed, conserving energy.
- Water heater reduced to lowest possible setting that still efficient for producing hot water.
- Lights, air conditioning and drapes are closed in all unoccupied rooms to conserve energy.

Water Conservation:

- All of the showerheads, faucets and most of the commodes have been updated with low flow systems.
- Waterless urinals in men's restrooms.

Donation programs: We donate lightly used and unclaimed lost and found items from the rooms to local charities to benefit those in need and reduce the use of landfills.

Cleaning Supplies:

- Eco-friendly cleaning supplies that meet our quality standards are used in all guest rooms and throughout the public areas of the hotel.
- Bio-degradable trash bags