

## Green Hotels Association

### **GUESTROOMS:**

- "No smoking" room
- No extra charge for "green" rooms
- Low-flow sink aerators, toggle aerators
- Low-flow showerhead (2.5 to 3.0 gpm)
- 1.6 gpm toilet or toilet adaptations
- Fluorescent lighting - thinner off-white vinyl-backed lampshades
- Bulk dispensers for amenities (no small plastic bottles)
- Amenities - 100% natural, biodegradable, vegetable-oil base, dye-free, natural scents or scent-free
- Paper products - recycled, biodegradable, unbleached, natural scents or unscented, dye-free, paper packaging - use brown paper towels only
- Cleaning products - non-toxic, phosphate-free, biodegradable, natural scents or unscented, dye-free, concentrated
- Baking soda to clean sinks, tubs and toilets
- Pumice stone removes toilet bowl hard water deposits without damage
- Hot water - 125-130 degrees F (52-55 degrees C)
- Linens changed between guests or on request only (towels on floor or in tub)
- 100% cotton linens, undyed, unbleached
- Extra blankets - room can be kept colder on winter nights if guests prefer
- Laundry detergents - non-toxic, phosphate-free, biodegradable, unscented, dye-free, chlorine-free, concentrated, liquid, recycled packaging
- Recycling notice for guest involvement
- Glass water glasses, no paper covers
- Ceiling fans, reversible
- Cloth laundry bags (retired sheets), Baskets to return clean laundry
- No styrofoam usage
- Pest Control - cleanliness, preventatives, natural, non-toxic, not on a program
- Ozone generators must be used carefully, i. e., the correct time period for the space
- Air cleaners with carbon filters
- Occupancy sensors to control lights, AC/heat, TV
- Key switches to control power supply to AC/heat
- Live potted plants keep air healthier
- Require dry cleaners to recycle hangers, plastic film and related materials
- Newly purchased furnishings of non-hardwoods

### **HOSPITALITY FACILITIES:**

- Meeting and banquet facilities are using pourers for sugar, pitchers for cream and small serving dishes for butter and jellies.
- A Toronto hotel is recycling stained tablecloths into napkins, chef's aprons and neckties.
- Bicycles are being loaned or rented to guests.
- Coins or chips are being used for car parking and coat checking instead of paper tickets.
- Hotels are making cloth laundry bags from retired sheets.
- Mowed landscaping is being replaced by ground cover. Lawnmowers are used less, so air pollution and noise are reduced.

- A Florida hotel bought a mulcher to chop up their garden clippings and create their own mulch. The mulcher paid for itself in three months.
- A Wisconsin B&B has installed beautiful blue floor tile made from recycled automobile windshields.
- Chief engineers have found that toilet tank fill diverters in older toilets save about 3/4 of a gallon of water per flush.
- A Pennsylvania property has a 400' garden and produces organically-grown vegetables for its restaurant.
- Restaurants and bars in hotels are using daylight exclusively for as much of each day as possible.
- Solar energy is lighting signage and heating water for hotels in tropical areas.

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