



Green Destination Verte

Guidelines



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Environmental Policies

Encourage guests to participate in your environmental practices by communicating through the enclosed **GO Green** documentation and through your guest directory.

Air Circulation

Fans can help move air which increases people's (perceived) comfort and helps mix the air within an area. Fans can be quite energy-efficient and use considerably less energy than large air conditioning systems.

Chemical Cleaners

The market for more environmentally friendly cleaners has been expanding in recent years. More natural and biodegradable alternatives using "old fashioned" substances such as vinegar, natural enzymes, and citrus extracts are gaining popularity. Use sprays that are labeled Green and are, environmental friendly.

Chemical Pesticides

Avoid the use of chemical pesticides whenever possible. Eliminate clutter where pests might hide, seal cracks around doors and windows where pests may enter, and clean garbage and recycle bins on a regular basis which help reduce the need.

Guest Amenities

Provide guests with environmentally friendly amenities (ie soap, shampoo, conditioner) and / refillable bulk dispensers.

Guest Check-in / Reservations



Computerized check-in / reservation system available when possible, to reduce paper waste. In the case of a manual check-in / reservation system, use of a book, binder is encouraged.

Guestroom Temperature

Control guestroom temperature by keeping temperature setting below 21C (70F) at all times, while closing curtains or blinds on sun-exposed windows during the day in the summer, and by closing curtains and blinds at night in the winter.

Guest Towel / Sheet Reuse

Encouraging guests to participate in these programs at your property. Reduced utility costs, labor, and laundry fees can save tens of thousands of dollars per year.

Towel / Sheet reuse: Advise your guest of the guest towel / sheet reuse program upon check in.

Handling & Disposal of Hazardous & Bio-Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste is waste material in a form and/or quantity which possesses at least one of four characteristics: ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic. It has been classified and regulated by an applicable government agency and is subject to special labeling, handling, recycling, and disposal requirements. In your property environment, hazardous waste may include products such as motor oil, pool chemicals, stain removers, bleach, asbestos, light bulbs, varnishes, etc.

Batteries should be disposed off separately.

High Energy Efficient Lighting

High energy-efficiency fluorescent lamps and tubes require less than one-third the electricity used by incandescent lamps to achieve the same illumination levels. They can also last 10 to 13 times longer, which can lower energy costs by up to 50 percent per bulb, per year. Compact fluorescent lamps come in all sizes, from 5 to 30 watts and can replace 25 to 150 watt incandescent lamps in many applications (e.g. wall and ceiling mounted fixtures, exit and directional signs, floodlights, display lighting, task lighting).

By keeping bulbs, fixtures, and equipment relatively clean and dust-free, fewer fixtures are needed to provide the same quality of light.

Recycling / Compost Bins



Provide recycling bins (blue bins) and compost bins (when applicable).

In today's world, recycling and composting has become prevalent and many guests are hesitant to dispose of their recyclables and compost in a regular garbage bin.

Use of recycled paper throughout the property is encouraged

Smoke-Free Environment, Synthetic Air Fresheners & Perfumes

People spend 80 percent of their time inside buildings and, as such, indoor air quality is the most fundamental element of service quality. Guests should be offered a "perfume-free" environment for the same reasons they are offered a smoke-free environment.

Purchasing Energy Efficient Equipment

Equipment and appliances being manufactured today are generally more energy-efficient than those manufactured years ago. Replace older equipment and appliances with Energy Star rated equipment and appliances.

Shut off Lights, Radios & Televisions in Unoccupied Rooms

Lights, clocks, and televisions all consume energy. Use a power bar with an on / off switch to turn off the connected appliances, entertainment and office devices when not in use.

Tap Water Consumption

Of the various technologies that reduce the amount of water flowing out of a faucet, the most popular is the tap aerator. This simple device can be compared to a small screen that fits into the end of a tap and mixes air into the flow of water, reducing consumption.

Installation of toilet tank diverters or dual flush toilets encouraged.



Organics Green Cart

All Food Waste: Fruit and vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, dairy products, cooking oil and fat (cool, wipe with paper towel, place in green cart), bread, rice, pasta, bones, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, eggshells.

Use boxboard or one sheet of paper to wrap wet food waste.

Yard Waste: Excess leaves, brush and plants.

Boxboard and Soiled Paper: Cereal boxes (remove liner), shoe, cracker and cookie boxes, paper towel rolls, soiled paper, food napkins, kitchen paper towels and tissue boxes (remove plastic).

Other: Sawdust and wood shavings.

Not for the Green Cart:

- No ashes
- No waxed/film packaging (e.g. microwave dinner)
- No corrugated cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes)
- No plastic bags (including 'biodegradable')
- No cans, bottles or glass
- No decorations or wire wreaths
- No newspapers, magazines or shredded paper
- No paper, coffee or Styrofoam cups
- No milk containers
- No rocks, logs or tree trunks
- No soil/sods
- No pet or animal waste

Blue Bag Recycling Paper Recycling



Blue Bag Recyclables:

Put in clear or see-through blue bag:

- All deposit bearing containers*
- All plastic containers
- No styrofoam
- Glass bottles and jars*
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Clean aluminum foil and plates
- All milk containers*
- Mini Sips and Tetra Juice Paks
- Plastic bags including: grocery, retail, bread, dry cleaning and frozen food bags, bubble wrap. Remember to empty and remove all receipts. Please stuff all bags inside a grocery bag, tie and place in blue bag.

**Place all caps in garbage*

Garbage



- Aerosol cans, empty
- Aluminum foil, soiled
- Ashes (*cold*)
- Broken glass (*wrapped*)
- Bulky items: furniture, stoves, etc.
- Carbon paper
- Ceramics
- Cloth items
- Coffee cups, disposable
- Diapers, disposable
- Dishes
- Floor sweepings
- Frozen juice cans
- Latex gloves
- Light bulbs
- Motor oil containers
- Packaging, non-recyclable
- Paint cans, empty or dry
- Pet/animal waste
- Plastic wrap, soiled
- Potato chip bags
- Styrofoam
- Tissue
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toys, broken
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Wallpaper

Household Hazardous Waste



Take these items to the HHW Depot:

- Batteries of all types
- Leftover corrosive cleaners
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Gasoline
- Fuel oil
- Solvents and thinners
- Pharmaceuticals and drugs
- Aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- Leftover liquid paint* (*see below*)
- BBQ propane tanks
- Small propane cylinders (e.g. camp fuel)
- Motor oil (or contact your oil retailer for a used oil drop-off site near you)





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Checklist

Environmental Policy

- ◆ Encourage guests to participate in your environmental practices

Chemical Cleaners / Pesticides

- ◆ Use of natural and biodegradable cleaners used throughout
- ◆ Use of chemical pesticides avoided

Guest Reservation / Check-in

- ◆ Electronic reservation / check-in system available when possible
- ◆ Manual reservation / check-in system provided in binder or book to reduce use of paper

Guest Towel / Sheet reuse program in place

- ◆ Advise guests of your guest towel / sheet reuse program

Guest Amenities

- ◆ Environmentally friendly products provided in refillable bulk dispensers when possible

Guestroom Temperature

- ◆ Guestroom temperature setting controlled (21C / 70F or below)



○ **High Energy Efficient Lighting / Equipment**

- 💧 Use of high energy efficient lighting throughout the property
- 💧 Light fixtures kept clean
- 💧 Aging equipment replaced with Energy Star rated appliances

○ **Power consumption**

- 💧 Entertainment devices and small appliances turned off when guest rooms are unoccupied

○ **Recycling**

- 💧 Recycling bins (blue bins) available in guest rooms or public area
- 💧 Compost bins available where cooking facilities provided
- 💧 Use of recycled paper encouraged throughout property

○ **Smoke Free Environment, Synthetic Air Fresheners and Perfumes**

- 💧 Use of perfume, synthetic air fresheners should be kept to a minimal

○ **Tap Water Consumption**

- 💧 Use of low flow showerheads and faucet aerators throughout
- 💧 Use of toilet tank diverters or dual flush toilets

○ **Other Property Specific Environmentally Friendly Initiatives**



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Committment

As proud participants of the  Green Destination Verte program, we

Property Name

recognize our environmental responsibility and are committed to improving our performance towards a sustainable future while enhancing the guest experience.

Date

Signature



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