

SURF & SAND RESORT

Protecting the Environment

Every day, the natural beauty surrounding Surf & Sand Resort reminds us of our responsibility to do all we can to protect the environment. We have created systems throughout the resort to minimize our use of water, chemicals and fuel, and to reuse and recycle whenever possible.

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REDUCE WATER USAGE

- ❖ Low flow shower heads have been installed in all guestrooms.
- ❖ Low flow commodes are installed when applicable.
- ❖ Project Care Program: To conserve water and decrease the use of detergents, towels and bed linens are laundered every three days (unless otherwise requested by the guest).
- ❖ In the kitchen, frozen items are defrosted in the refrigerator instead of being placed in the sink under running water.
- ❖ Water is delivered to restaurant tables only upon request.

REDUCE HARMFUL CHEMICALS

- ❖ Linens are washed using a system that requires only one chemical as opposed to past systems which required up to five different chemicals. The system uses fewer detergents, conserves water and energy, and is not harmful to the environment.
- ❖ Room-attendant chemicals include a "green guarantee" that ensures the environmental safety of the products, packaging and operations.
- ❖ A "dry extraction" carpet cleaning system meets Green Seal's environmental standards for industrial cleaners based on its reduced human and aquatic toxicity and reduced smog production potential.
- ❖ Computer-controlled systems installed in the pool and spa areas reduce the amount of chemicals needed to hold necessary levels.

REDUCE ENERGY AND FUEL USAGE

- ❖ Automatic and motion-sensitive timers have been installed on lighting fixtures and mechanical equipment to reduce power consumption during off-peak times.
- ❖ Whenever possible, energy-conserving lighting is installed throughout the resort.
- ❖ On demand water heaters have been installed to reduce natural gas consumption.
- ❖ Sewer traps have been installed to reduce waste flow into city drainage reducing the amount of energy consumption needed to be treated.
- ❖ The kitchen purchases locally grown, sustainable foods from companies with small carbon footprints and from vendors associated with the Green Planet Association.
- ❖ Longer-lasting frying oil reduces the amount needed during the year.

REUSE & RECYCLE

- ❖ Recyclable paper, cardboard, glass, and plastic are picked up daily from the resort.
- ❖ Kitchen grease is recycled to produce bio-diesel for automobile use.
- ❖ Hydraulic oil is recycled and used by other industries.
- ❖ Printer cartridges are recycled and sent back to the manufacturer.
- ❖ Shipping materials such as ice packs and cushion materials are returned to vendors for re-use.
- ❖ Recycle bins are placed next to trash cans at large events.
- ❖ All restaurant to-go containers and utensils are biodegradable and compostable.