

Meet and Green

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina Awarded Certification at the Gold Level for the Green Seal Environmental Standard for Lodging Properties

GREEN FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRACTICES

- Sustainable options for every meal on our Banquet & Catering eMenus; options are organic or from local sources, we abide by the Seafood Watch purchasing guidelines
- Through partnership with Starbucks®, we offer shade grown, organic coffee and fair trade coffee, tea, cocoa and sugar
- Sustainable to-go cutlery, dishware and containers are compostable; our restaurants and banquet departments are styrofoam-free
- Water pitchers & stations available as an environmentally friendly alternatives for bottled water
- We use Sterno[®] brand chafing fuel to keep buffets warm. The gel is ethanol-based, non-explosive, non-toxic, odor-free, smoke-free, biodegradable, and carbon-monoxide-free
- We've partnered with a local food bank to donate leftover food served at your event upon request
- Used fryer oil is filtered to extend its life and then is picked up to be recycled into biodiesel fuel
- Using our 220 lb. dehydrator, kitchen food waste from preparing meals is dehydrated to less than 20% of its original weight. The processed material is then composted.

SUSTAINABLE MEETING SERVICES

- All meeting paper products made of a minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content for attendees including paper handouts, printed signage, note pads and paper napkins
- Fully-labeled recycling receptacles in all meeting and public spaces
- Partnership with PSAV to provide in-house Audio Visual services including ENERGY STAR® rated equipment, flip charts made of 30% post-consumer recycled content and all markers made of certified non-toxic water-based ink
- Energy-efficient computerized building automation system with one quick phone call, temperatures in any meeting room can be adjusted to your needs
- Green printing services through partnership with FedEx Office on-site business center. Printing on-site reduces carbon emissions associated with transportation that would have been used for shipping documents to the hotel
- Linenless conference table set-up available including stainless steel break & buffet stations
- Live potted plants reducing environmental impact instead of displaying fresh cut flowers and meeting rooms with natural lighting available
- Green transportation services including our airport shuttle service which provides transport to public transit and reduces the need for guests to make individual trips

PAPERLESS MEETING PLANNING

- All banquet and catering menus posted online on our eMenus site with menu builder functionality
- ePlanner website introduces meeting planner to the hotel with meeting room diagrams, floor plans and capacity charts all available online
- Group master bill format allows for electronic delivery of the bill via email or web
- Banquet event orders sent as a PDF file via email and large files are shipped via USB drive
- Passkey and Reservation Connection are all online systems to help automate the rooming list process eliminates manual entry and paper lists



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ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION

- Water-conserving fixtures with EPA WaterSense label in all guestrooms and public bathrooms, including low-flow toilets, urinals, faucets and showerheads
- Make A Green Choice program rewards guests for choosing to conserve natural resources in their guestroom
- Fuel Cell Power Technology. This "Ultra-Clean" source of electricity is produce on-site. No combustion reaction required; energy is created by combining hydrogen fuel and oxygen from the air to produce electricity with the added bonus of heat and water as byproducts
- Pools and hot water supply heated with byproduct heat from our fuel cells
- Energy-efficient lighting systems utilizing CFL and LED technology throughout hotel
- Optimized heating, ventilating and air conditioning system through commissioning efforts
- ENERGY STAR[®] appliances & electronics where possible
- Occupancy sensors in all guestrooms provide an occupant-managed climate system
- Energy-efficient HVAC, computerized building automation system
- Film-covered and energy-efficient windows installed on all guestrooms and common areas tolower heating and cooling loads

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

- Recycling receptacles located in every guestroom as well as throughout our meeting space and restaurants. Over 250,000 lbs of our waste stream diverted annually
- Green food & beverage choices on our menus using locally grown and organic food, we are a styrofoam-free facility
- Kitchen food waste is dehydrated to less than 20% of original weight to minimize effects on waste stream; this and our landscaping waste are composted
- Fryer oil is filtered to extend its life and then recycled to create biodiesel fuel
- Guestroom keycards made of 43% recycled content, facial tissue & trashcan liners made of 10% recycled content, bathroom tissue of 20% recycled content
- Guestroom bathroom amenities and soap recycled through donation to a non-profit; all bottles are made of 100% recycled content plastic

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- 100% smoke free policy within building
- Eco-friendly cleaning products in our laundry, guestrooms, and stewarding; they are non-toxic, phosphate-free and completely biodegradablein addition to being Green Seal Certified
- Optimized ventilation system and live plants provide enhancedindoor air quality
- Ample access to daylight and views to the outdoors that promote a sense of well-being
- All sustainable cleaning equipment is ergonomically-friendly and energy-efficient

SUSTAINABLE SITES AND RAISING AWARENESS

- Biodiversity is promoted through management of our marina and exterior landscape
- Low VOC paints, primers, and base coats used throughout the building interior and exterior
- Airport shuttle transportation for our guests
- Hybrid guest transportation options including our electric-powered GEM cars
- Over 35% reductionin conventional commuting transportation by staff
- Roofing materials reflect heat from the sun putting less demand on hotel air conditioning systems
- Property Green Team and Green Meetings Program

