



AQUA
Palms
WAIKIKI



Background:

Aqua Palms Waikiki is inspired by the vibrant colors and laid-back vibe of Hawaii's most desired destination. Waikiki offers everything from warm waters and perfect year-round weather to exclusive shopping and unique eateries. With Aqua Palms Waikiki in the heart of Hawaii's natural beauty, a number of green initiatives have been implemented to help protect the environment for generations to come, including:

Reduction of Energy Usage:

- + Chiller monitoring program installed
- + ENERGY STAR equipment
 - o SAMSUNG Flat screen televisions
 - o Window air conditioners for small offices
 - o Compact refrigerators
 - o Printers
- + Hot Water / Heating
 - o Lowered thermostat to 128 degrees
 - o Hot water pipe insulation repaired
 - o Caulked around exterior windows to repair air gaps

Reduction of Water Usage:

- + Retrofitted to water efficient fixtures with aerators
- + All bathroom and shower heads retrofitted to high efficiency
- + Low flush toilets
- + Linen change interval extended to four (4) days, unless guests requests otherwise

Solid Waste and Recycling Effort:

- + Cold lemon water provided for guests in lobby area
- + Paper products with 50% or higher recycled content
- + Recycling program for cardboard, bottles, plastic and paper
- + Used appliances recycled and record filed
- + Hazardous waste properly disposed and records filed

Pollution Prevention Effort:

- + More than 50% of janitorial products are certified as environmentally preferable

Donation to Charitable Organization:

- ✦ Used linen donated to the Hawaiian Humane Society

Landscape:

- ✦ Installed drip irrigation with timers
- ✦ Applied used coffee grinds as mulch
- ✦ Used drought-resistant plants such as bougainvillea

Community Involvement and Special Activities:

- ✦ Mentoring other businesses like IHOP to enroll in the Green Business Program
- ✦ Developing a 'Green Team' within the hotel
- ✦ Monitoring disposal and recycling composting program
- ✦ Able and willing to demonstrate to guests what they are doing to conserve resources
- ✦ Subcontract with local companies when subcontracting labor force.

Conclusion:

Green initiatives are a sensible approach on an island with finite resources. Aqua Palms Waikiki looks forward to the return on investment that will result not only from a more responsible use of energy, improved efficiencies, and cost savings, but through this process, the company will become better environmental citizens.

As a result of the Aqua Palms Waikiki green initiatives, the property has covered all aspects of conserving Hawaii's natural resources, including water, gas, and electricity (oil), and is able to track and demonstrate a 35% reduction in energy consumption.

The Aqua Palms Waikiki remains committed to realizing and envisioning the greening of its property and surrounding areas for guests, employees, owners, and island community.

For more information on the hotel, visit www.aquapalms.com.