



Hawai'i Green Business Seventh Annual Recognition Program

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The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua



The Ritz-Carlton®

The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua, located on the western edge of Maui, contains 463 guestrooms and suites as well as 107 one- and two-bedroom residential suites. The resort offers two championship golf courses and the largest golf academy in the state. The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua offers guests a chance to participate in its Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program, which teaches guests about natural tide pools, the rainforest, humpback whales and local ecosystems through interactive activities with trained naturalists.

Environmental Commitment:

- Sustainable dining features naturally germinated organic heirloom herbs and vegetables as well as exotic fruit.
- Dual-flush toilets in restroom facilities.
- Coreless toilet paper for bathroom facilities.
- No plastic ware used for meals or projects.
- All single-use products are made from non-GMO corn, potato or sugar cane that are biodegradable and compostable. All purchases are made with an effort to first buy-recycled or local to reduce total carbon footprint.
- Merchandise for retail is chosen from a committed and environmentally responsible company. Most apparel is 100% organic cotton.
- LED ceiling lights throughout center, remaining CFL bulbs being phased out.
- Sustainable bamboo floors throughout the center.
- Furniture from sustainable living company with pre/post consumer responsibility.
- Table made from fallen Curly Tropical Mango tree with recycled Koa trim details on Maui that have been recovered and salvaged into functional furniture.

Resource Conservation and Savings in:

- Energy use – 8.6% reduction in electricity and 10.4 % reduction in gas
- Water use – 8.9 % reduction in water consumption and
- Irrigation consumption – 26 million gallons reduced from preceding year

Conclusion

The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua is active in the community, and offers an abundance of activities for kids and families to take part in. These programs teach about Hawaii's unique ecosystems on land and in the ocean, highlighting their significance in the global environment. Guests at the Ritz-Carlton Kapalua have the amazing opportunity to hike through Hawaiian rainforests and explore coral reefs while snorkeling.