



The Ritz-Carlton®



Outstanding Efforts:

Spring 2012, the Ritz-Carlton Kapalua is a Hawai'i Green Business Program Awardee for its exceptional endeavors to reduce, reuse, recycle, and promote sustainability. The hotel practices several environmentally friendly measures and has implemented resource-saving technologies. Along with its environmental stewardship practices, the hotel also deeply considers Hawai'i's ecosystem as well as culture in its business operations. In particular, the Ritz-Carlton in Kapalua places a particular emphasis on cultural elements and its relation to the environment through community education and outreach.

Reduction of Energy Usage:

- Timers are installed on hood fans, exhaust systems, and hood lights
- The hotel also saves energy by grouping guests in certain areas to save energy during low-occupancy periods
- The hotel has replaced all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs, low-voltage track lighting, and light emitting diode (LED) light bulbs. Other energy efficient lighting systems are also used on the property
- Fluorescent lighting has also been upgraded onsite with T-8 or T-5 lamps with electronic ballasts
- Company vehicles are maintained to prevent leaks and minimize emissions. An inventory of the company fleet is also logged and maintained

Reduction of Water Usage:

- Dishwashing machines are operated only when completely full
- Sprinkler times are adjusted for the time of day or night and for seasons
- Irrigation usage is clocked on the water meter to monitor and prevent excessive use
- Rain shut-off devices/moisture sensors are used to turn off or override the irrigation system during rain. The devices are regularly maintained and monitored to prevent obstructions

Recycling & Reuse:

- "Green" caterers are hired who practice several environmentally friendly measures such as: using compostable dishes/utensils, composting food waste or scraps, and purchases food from local vendors or growers
- All recyclable materials are reclaimed. The recyclables include (but are not limited to): cardboard, mixed paper, white ledger paper, newspapers, HI-5 glass bottles and cans, food wastes, and wood pallets
- The hotel regularly purchases rubber hoses made from tires, rechargeable batteries for TV remotes, pagers, and other battery-powered appliances, and recyclable laser and copier toner cartridges

Community Outreach:

- The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua hosts the Jean-Michel Cousteau Ambassadors of the Environment Program. Some of the events held under the program include: Manalei Arboretum Restoration, Honolulu Wao Kele Project Restoration, and Hawea Point Restoration