



# THE KAHALA

HOTEL & RESORT

Honolulu, Hawaii

# The Kahala Hotel & Resort Green Initiatives



# Mission Statement

To Educate our Staff, Guests and Families to minimize The Kahala Hotel and Resort's Carbon Footprint through Sustainable practices.

# Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Recycle Food and Beverage containers (aluminum cans, bottles, glass)
- Fiber (office paper, corrugate cardboard, newspapers), wood and scrap metal
- All usable hotel items such as mattresses, art, furniture, dishes, etc., are given to local charities or sold to employees
- Use of recycling containers in offices
- Waste cooking oil is collected and processed into bio-diesel fuel



# Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling (continued)

- Green waste recycle container, plant material only for compost
- Recycle bags on housekeeper's carts for beverage cans and newspapers
- Glass cups used in guestrooms
- Work with vendors to minimize product packaging. Require corrugated cardboard boxes, use of recyclable or reusable packaging and take-back packaging.
- Mailers/Holiday cards are now electronically sent to guests and clients
- E-Waste collected and recycled through outside company



# Purchasing Recycled/Reused Products

- Purchase corporate and guest stationary with recycle content
- Wherever possible, purchase recycled content for construction materials for building/remodeling
- Implemented procurement guidelines for purchase and use of products with recycled content
- Use/return/reuse delivery crates, cartons and tubs
- All office paper products are at least 30% post consumer paper
- Compostable plastic drinking cups
- Moving towards printing menus on 100% recycled paper using only soy base inks
- Fading out plastic coffee stir to wooden stir sticks



# Energy Conservation Projects

- \* Lighting retrofits throughout hotel with light sensors and timers
- \* Air-conditioning and lighting systems for the property is on an Energy Management System
- \* A/C programmable digital thermostats in guestrooms that turn off fan coil unit upon opening guestroom lanai door
- \* Ceiling fans installed in all guestrooms can be used as an alternative for A/C
- \* Blackout drapes installed in all guestrooms
- \* Heat produced by the chiller system used to heat outdoor swimming pool
- \* Variable frequency speed drives installed on major equipment
- \* Thermal sliding-glass doors and windows in all guestrooms
- \* ENERGY STAR equipment
- \* Energy efficient washers and dryers, dryers with dampness sensors
- \* High efficiency hot water heaters for domestic use and laundry
- \* High efficiency motors for elevators
- \* Booster heaters for dishwashers
- \* Preventive maintenance measures for guestrooms, kitchens, and laundry areas

# Water Conservation

Water conservation measures resulted in the followings:

- \* All guestrooms feature low-flow showerheads, low-flow toilets, and low-flow sink aerators providing an estimated reduction in water usage of 40-50%.
- \* Landscaping timers
- \* Water efficient laundry washers
- \* Reduced laundry cycles
- \* Landscape with drought resistant plants
- \* Linen program in guestrooms – Linens will be changed out every other day unless directed by guest



# Pollution Prevention

- \* No chemicals used near lagoon marine life and the ocean
- \* Landscaping practices Integrated Pest Management choosing biological controls over chemicals, using traps and barriers
- \* Boric acid-based products used – eco-friendly and safest organic products
- \* Recycle toner cartridges for copiers and printers
- \* Recycle fluorescent bulbs and batteries
- \* Encourage employees to use commute alternatives and to minimize work-related trips
- \* Offer lockers and showers for employees who walk, jog, or bicycle to work
- \* Exterior of hotel and interior guest rooms and corridors painted with environmentally friendly paint

# Food Service

- \* Buy local produce and meats by 1<sup>st</sup> choice.
- \* Recycling of food waste (pig farms use waste as animal feed)
- \* Converted from plastic disposable salt and pepper shakers to re fillable in our staff dining area



# Education Efforts

- \* DCF includes Green column
- \* Collaboration with Dolphin Quest
- \* Bi-Annually Beach Cleanups
- \* Adjusting standards to incorporate green initiatives
  - \* Straws by request only
  - \* Paper straws
  - \* Refillable water stations
  - \* Refillable guest amenities in public areas

