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## **Hilton Waikoloa Village 2019 Fall Tourism Update**



As the largest hotel on the Island of Hawaii, the team at **Hilton Waikoloa Village** feels they have a unique responsibility to their community to set an example in the way they treat the environment.

**Sustainability Practices include:**

- Energy efficiency and the promotion of Hawaiian flora greatly benefits our islands. Both priorities prompted the HWV team to replace non-native plants with those that are native, encouraging them to thrive by using sustainable practices such as kipuka, where a community of plants thrive together. This initiative relates perfectly to the Green Event's emphasis on "green roof/green wall/drought tolerant plants".
- In January of 2018, Hilton Waikoloa Village initiated their "Last Straw" program and became the first hotel on the island to phase out plastic straws and stirrers across their entire property. The 2019 Fall Tourism Update event avoided use of plastic coffee stirrers and straws and ensured disposable food and beverage tableware was compostable.
- They are proud to support their local community by sourcing many of the ingredients they use from local farmers and ranchers on the island. These ingredients add flavor and value to the products and experiences shared with their guests. The 2019 Fall Tourism Update event menus were designed with a focus on sustainability and locally purchased ingredients.
- Hilton Waikoloa Village converted their unique canal boats in 2019 to electric propulsion, saving over 4,000 gallons of gas per year per boat, along with preventing the resulting noise and fumes. Charging them overnight helps to reduce their impact on the local electric grid. Additionally, the 2019 Fall Tourism Update encouraged their guests to turn off the lights in event spaces whenever possible. Finally, all of their meeting spaces have automatic timers designed to cool only the rooms in active use.

**Conclusion:**

Collaborating with the 2019 Fall Tourism Update and participating in the Hawaii Green Business Program Green Events reminds us of the importance of being benefactors of our community. These efforts are not just valuable because they are good, but also because they are valued by our industry and government and have a direct positive impact on our local community and environment.