

the westin st. francis green program overview

The Westin St. Francis is committed to environmental responsibility and has implemented new green initiatives for guests and hotel staff. The goals of the program are to help preserve the environment and to support San Francisco's environmentally-friendly business community. These initiatives range from guestroom energy management systems to public transportation incentives for employees.

Below are a sampling of environmental practices and programs that have implemented at The Westin St. Francis:

westin st francis initiatives

- A cogenerated energy system will be installed. Also known as combined heat and power (CHP), this clean, reliable source of power collectively produces electricity and heat with up to 40% less fuel than it takes to produce electricity and heat separately.
- Energy saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) have been installed throughout the hotel, including all guestrooms and public areas.
- A recycling program has been implemented throughout the hotel.
- Electronic marketing and sales efforts are utilized whenever possible in an effort to reduce paper usage.

guestroom amenities

- Energy efficient heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems have been installed in all guestrooms
- An occupancy motion sensor has been installed in all guestrooms to regulate heating and cooling systems. The sensor detects when the room is unoccupied and automatically adjusts room temperature to a predetermined comfort setting.
- In an effort to conserve water, hotel guests are encouraged to reuse guest towels and linens during their stay.

food & beverage

- All meeting rooms come equipped with water stations, eliminating the use of bottled water and paper cups.
- The kitchen donates their fryer oil to the City of San Francisco for conversion to biodiesel fuel
- All box lunch containers and utensils are compostable.
- Composting programs have been implemented in all kitchens throughout the hotel.
- Menus focus on offering seasonal, local and sustainable products.

transportation

- A designated bicycle rack has been installed for employees.
- Guests are offered information on bicycle rentals, walking maps and public transportation.
- To encourage use of public transit, employees are able to purchase pre-tax commuter checks.

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