



environmental EXCELLENCE

Certification & Awards

- Full Time LEED AP O+M on Staff
- Registered LEED EBO&M Project
- 2 palm Leadership Level Award
(California Green Lodging Program)
- Nominated Best Green Hotel 2009
(Meetings West Magazine)
- Emerging Green Hotel of the Year
(PCMA Capital Chapter)
- Good Earthkeeping Award 2007
(American Hotel & Lodging Association)
- Green Hotel Of The Year 2008
(Host Hotels & Resorts)

Lodging is the fourth most intensive user of energy in the United States commercial sector. Improving energy efficiency in the hospitality industry helps reduce energy consumption, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change. Reductions in the use of hazardous cleaning materials, energy consumption and waste disposal all contribute to protecting the land, air and water resources in our local communities.

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina has responded to the trend with the development of strategies and practices for making our urban resort more environmentally friendly, or "green." Our property is managed with focus on the business practices that help improve our environmental performance and impacts.

PRACTICES & INITIATIVES

GO Green

A LEED certified building demonstrates a whole-building approach to sustainability in five key areas: sustainable site development, water efficiency, energy performance and climate protection, materials selection and indoor environmental quality

[SUSTAINABLE SITES]

- Hybrid guest transportation options including our hybrid Lexus and our electric-powered GEM cars.
- Airport shuttle transportation. Over 35% reduction in conventional commuting transportation by staff.
- Biodiversity is promoted through management of our marina and exterior landscape.
- Roofing materials that reflect heat from the sun putting less demand on hotel air conditioning systems.

[WATER EFFICIENCY]

- Water-conserving fixtures with EPA WaterSense label in all guest rooms and public bathrooms, including low-flow toilets, urinals, faucets and showerheads.
- In-room "Make A Green Choice" rewards guests for choosing to conserve water, energy and chemicals.
- Guest linen & towel reuse programs.
- Whole-building submetering. Including high-use water consumption areas such as on-site laundry and irrigation systems.
- 2009 trends already

showing a 35% reduction in water consumption year over year.

[ENERGY AND ATMOSPHERE]

- Fuel Cell Power Technology. The entire electrical load of the hotel can be supplied through this "Ultra-Clean" source of electricity. No combustion reaction required; energy is created by combining hydrogen fuel and oxygen from the air to produce electricity with the added bonus of heat and water as byproducts.
- Pools and hot water supply heated with byproduct heat from our fuel cells.
- Energy efficient lighting systems utilizing CFL and LED technology throughout hotel.
- Optimized heating, ventilating and air conditioning system through commissioning efforts.
- Energy Star appliances & electronics where possible.
- Occupancy sensors guest room climate system that is occupant managed.
- Energy efficient HVAC, computerized building

management system.

- Film-covered and energy-efficient windows installed on all guest rooms and common areas to lower heating and cooling loads.

[MATERIALS AND RESOURCES]

- Comprehensive recycling program throughout building. On average over 220,000 lbs of our waste stream diverted annually.
- Recycling receptacles located in every guest room as well as throughout our meeting space and restaurants.
- Sustainable food and beverage choices on our dining menus using seasonal availability of locally grown and organic food.
- Re-use of delivery boxes and bulk purchasing.
- Kitchen food waste is dehydrated to less than 20% of original weight to minimize effects on waste stream.
- Grease trap oil is recycled to create biodiesel fuel.
- Dehydrated Kitchen food waste and

landscaping waste taken offsite to be composted.

- Styrofoam-free facility.

[INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY]

- 100% smoke free policy within building
- Eco-friendly cleaning products in guestrooms and stewarding
- All laundry cleaning detergents and chemicals are non-toxic, phosphate free and completely biodegradable in addition to being Green Seal Certified
- Optimized ventilation system provides enhanced indoor air quality
- Low-emitting materials, adhesive & sealants, paints & coatings, and carpet systems (Green Label)
- Ample access to daylight and views to the outdoors that promote a sense of well-being
- Live plants in public areas to improve air quality
- All sustainable cleaning equipment is ergonomically friendly and energy efficient.

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green meetings

Sheraton San Diego understands the importance of caring for our environment. We've taken meetings to a whole new level with our Green Meeting options. Find out how the Sheraton is doing our part to reduce energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and pollution not only in our guestrooms, but in our meeting space. Are you doing your part? Find out how easy it is to Green your next meeting.

PLANNING

While planning for your event, we utilize digital services and our in-house FedEx Office to decrease paper waste and truck exhaust which would have otherwise come from shipping event

materials. Meeting room diagrams and Banquet Menus are available online. Stargroups, our automated online rooming list system, makes it easy for you to go paperless. Banquet event orders are sent via email in PDF format. You can review them and make changes without ever printing. When you want to review your master bill, you can do so online, instantly.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

You can contribute to a greener meeting by selecting food and beverage options from our sustainable and organic Banquet Menus. We offer products such as organic boxed lunches served in biodegradable boxes, Fairtrade and Shadegrown Starbucks Coffee, and other sustainable entrees. You will also have the

option of providing water stations to your attendees in place of bottled water. Linenless conference tables, bulk condiments, and live potted plants are all requests you can make to reduce the amount of waste created by your meeting.

A/V AND ENERGY

With access to our in-house audio visual company, PSAV, there is no need to ship heavy, expensive audio visual equipment. PSAV has also taken significant steps to reduce energy consumption and paper waste by incorporating EnergyStar-compliant equipment whenever possible.



Sheraton
San Diego
HOTEL & MARINA

1) electronic delivery of meeting planner guides and final master bill

2) organic and sustainable menu options

3) linenless tables available

4) refillable water pitchers instead of bottles

5) building automation system centrally controls heating & cooling.