

# Green Initiatives

**Hotel Nikko San Francisco has continually earned the US EPA's Energy Star Award - again in 2011.**

*We are the only San Francisco hotel to receive this award eight times!*

What is Energy Star? Energy Star is a partnership of government and industry that offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions, protecting the environment for future generations. Buildings that meet certain criteria and achieve a superior rating are eligible to apply.

## Water

- ❖ Hotel Nikko San Francisco upgraded its previous 3.5 gallon per flush to 1.5 gallon per flush water closet and annually saves 6,000,000 gallons of water
- ❖ "Green cards" allow guests to inform the hotel of their daily laundry preferences for linens and towels
- ❖ The in-house laundry program utilizes a re-use system whereby the always fresh second and third rinse cycles are saved, filtered and used for the next first wash cycle, saving thousands of gallons of water each day

## Recyclables & Compost

- ❖ Excess food scraps and kitchen waste are sent offsite to be converted to high-quality compost
- ❖ Paper, plastic, tin, cardboard and aluminum are recycled
- ❖ Housekeeping donates all linens no longer used by the hotel to homeless shelters and other charities; torn linen is used for cleaning rags
- ❖ All hotel guestroom keys are fully biodegradable
- ❖ A recycling program is available in all guest rooms

## Energy

- ❖ Guest room thermostats are equipped with sensors which turn the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems off when the rooms are vacant
- ❖ Service areas have motion sensors that turn off lighting when the vicinity is not in occupied
- ❖ Eighty-two percent of the building's lighting is compact fluorescent or LED, saving electricity and cutting greenhouse gas emissions
- ❖ Ventilation fans have Variable Frequency Drives installed

## Community

- ❖ Hotel colleagues dedicate more than 1,000 hours to assisting the local community. Including volunteering at Glide Memorial Church, The Salvation Army, Florence Crittenton Services, and Adopt-A-Family.
- ❖ We have a relationship with the RenoVos organization, in pursuit of the hotel attaining zero total waste: [www.renovos.com](http://www.renovos.com)
- ❖ We meet quarterly with the Hotel Non Profit Collaborative and the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) which works with San Francisco Hotels to recycle old furniture, carpeting, supplies, etc.
- ❖ We were awarded the Community Service Award by the California Hotel Lodging Association and the Community Spirit Award by the Hotel Council of San Francisco

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