

Green Initiatives

**Hotel Nikko San Francisco has earned
the US EPA's Energy Star Award again in 2009.**

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

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 Energy Star criteria and achieve a superior rating are eligible to apply.

Water

- ❖ Hotel Nikko San Francisco annually saves 6,000,000 gallons of water by upgrading the previous 3.5 gallon per flush to our current 1.5 gallon per flush water closet.
- ❖ We currently utilize green cards allowing 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

- ❖ We maintain a compost program, where all the kitchens' used food is sent off-site for compost each night.
- ❖ All hotel guestroom keys are fully biodegradable.
- ❖ We save torn linen and use it for cleaning rags; and worn but useable towels are donated to charities.
- ❖ The hotel recycles paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, wood pallets – keeping these items out of landfills.

Energy

- ❖ Guest room thermostats are equipped with sensors, turning the systems off when the rooms are vacant.
- ❖ The hotel's service areas have motion sensors, turning off lighting when the vicinity is not in use.
- ❖ Ventilation fans have Variable Frequency Drives installed.
- ❖ Eighty-two percent of the building's lighting is compact fluorescent or LEDs, saving electricity.

Community

- ❖ We have a relationship with the RenoVos organization, in pursuit of the hotel attaining zero total waste: www.renovos.com
- ❖ We meet quarterly with the Hotel Non Profit Collaborative which works with San Francisco Hotels to recycle old furniture, carpeting, supplies, etc...

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