

Green Initiatives

Hotel Nikko San Francisco has been awarded the Energy Star Label in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. We are the only hotel to receive this award six years consecutively. We expect to renew our Star Energy Label in 2009 and set a higher standard for itself and for others.

What is *Energy Star*? *Energy Star* is a partnership of government and industry that offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions, making it easy to save money while protecting the environment for future generations. Buildings meeting certain criteria and achieving a rating of 75 or better are eligible to apply for the *Energy Star*.

Water

- ❖ We currently utilize green cards which guests may request whether or not their linens or terry items need cleaning
 - via this, we clean sheets every other day on a regular basis, cutting water usage in half
- ❖ The in-house laundry program participates in a re-use system where the 2nd and 3rd rinse cycles are saved, filtered and used for the next first wash cycle, saving thousands of gallons of water each day.
- ❖ Low-flow toilets use air pressure to assist in the flushing of the toilet saving 2.1 gallons of water on each flush of every toilet saving over 2 million gallons of water every year.

Energy

- ❖ Eighty-two percent of the building's lighting is compact or screw-in fluorescent, and all exit signs utilize LEDs
- ❖ Guest room thermostats equipped with a sensor turn the meters off when the rooms are vacant
- ❖ Ventilation fans have Variable Frequency Drive (VFDs) installed

Recyclables & Compost

- ❖ We save torn linen and have them traded for cleaning rags; we donate old usable towels to charity and worn down towels are kept for employee use

The hotel recycles paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, wood pallets – keeping these items out of landfills; we also participate in the compost program, where all the kitchens' used food and soiled paper is sent for compost nightly.

Community

- ❖ We have a relationship with the RenoVos organization: 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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