

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes – Green Information

Environmental Preferred Purchasing

- Business cards are 30% recycled-content minimum
- Paper Towels are 40% recycled-content minimum
- Uniforms are 70 % recycled – content minimum
 - Compostable products are purchased
- Purchasing preference is given to local vendors (within 100 miles)
- Energy efficient appliances are purchased (including refrigerators, fryers, steam coolers, dishwashers, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters, washing machines, dryers, and ice machines)
- At least two vendors deliver products with returnable packaging and containers

Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Copiers and printers are programmed to print double-sided copies
 - Unwanted mail (junk mail) is reduced and eliminated
- We have a recycling program that includes Aluminum Cans, Cardboard, Glass, Paper, Plastic, and Batteries
 - Email and voicemail are used to lessen printing
 - Memos are centrally posted or have been eliminated
 - Old towels and table linens are reused or recycled
 - Unwanted furniture and appliances are repaired or donated
 - A use reduction plan for cleaning chemicals is in place
 - A use plan for pest control and fertilizers is in place
 - Food scraps are composted
 - Used cooking oil is recycled
- Reusable cups, glasses, plates, utensils and napkins are used – except with to go orders
 - Envelopes are reused for internal routing (inter-office envelopes)
- The blank side of used paper is used to take messages or as scratch pads
 - The use of Styrofoam packaging has been eliminated
 - Biodegradable to-go packaging is used
 - A reusable mug/cup program is available to staff
 - Table coverings have been eliminated

Energy Efficiency

- Power saving features on office equipment are activated
 - Lighting fixtures are cleaned regularly
 - Cleaning equipment is properly maintained
- The cooking hood is turned off when cooking appliances are not in operation
 - Elevator energy is maintained efficiently
- Energy efficient lighting is used in 50 percent of the property
- Programmed light timers and sensors are used in the exterior
 - Natural light is used when possible
 - Vending machines are energy efficient
- Digital thermostats are used throughout the facility
 - Heat zones are segregated

Water Efficiency

- Water that is used for our landscaping comes from the Intracoastal Waterway
 - Food thawed in refrigeration units, not with running water
- Parking lots and sidewalks are routinely swept rather than rinsed with water
 - Native vegetative buffers are used to protect lakes and rivers
 - Drought – resistant plants are used

Air Quality

- Bike racks are provided
 - A carpooling program is promoted to employees
- Green Seal-certified cleaning products are used throughout the facility – glass cleaner, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap for sinks, and pot and pan soap
 - Low-VOC paint is used for interior use only

Sustainable Food

- 25 percent of our food and beverage served is certified organic
- 75 percent of our food and beverages do not contain added hormones or antibiotics
 - We are a participant of South Carolina “fresh on the menu”
 - All seafood purchases are on the “green list”

Green Lodging

- Bed linens, towels, and wash cloths are used for other purposes rather than thrown away
 - A policy is in place to recycle mattresses
 - Newspapers are centralized and delivered by request only
- Glasses and mugs are used instead of disposables in guest rooms
 - Amenities are provided by request only
 - Unwanted bibles are donated
 - Used motor oil is recycled
 - Guests have the option of reusing towels and linens
 - Chlorine alternatives are used in the pool and Jacuzzis