

# Go Green!

The Plaza Beach Resorts are certified and accredited Green Business Partners by:

- Green Business Partnership created between University of Florida and Pinellas County Extension
- Green Lodging Program created by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Southwest Florida Water Management with their CHAMP program (Conservation Hotel And Motel Program)
- TripAdvisor GreenLeaders

Here are some of the initiatives already taking place at our resorts:

## **Waste Reduction:**

1. Paper, plastic, glass and aluminum recycling programs are in place for employees and for guests. Bright colored recycling bins are located throughout each of our resorts.
2. Fluorescent lights, and compact fluorescent lights are recycled.
3. All batteries including phones, laptops and regular batteries are recycled.
4. Printer Toners donated to Special Olympics or recycled locally.
5. Shampoo, Conditioner, and Soap are purchased in bulk and dispensers are used in the all room as opposed to individual bottles and bar soaps.
6. Key cards and key card holders are recycled.
7. Double sided printing for office internal papers.

## **Energy StarEnergy Conservation:**

1. We use CFL bulbs and LED lighting.
2. Programmable thermostats in rooms.
3. Outside lamps are on timers.
4. Energy-efficient appliances that are Energy Star-Rated.
5. Tinted window in guest rooms with high sun exposure.

## **Water CHAMPWater Conservation:**

1. Low flow toilets.
2. Low flow faucets reduce water consumption from 2.5 gallons to 0.5 gallons per minute.
3. Towel reuse program in place through Southwest Florida Water Management District's CHAMPs.
4. Linen Reuse program - extended stay have weekly sheet changes.
5. Irrigation with reclaimed water.
6. Practice of Xeriscaping by growing native plants.

## **Air Quality**

1. Emphasis on indoor air quality. All guest accommodations are non-smoking and have high-efficiency air filters.
2. Monthly cleaning of ac filters.
3. Green products are used to clean rooms and common areas.
4. No aerosol cans used at our properties.

*Yes, you can make a difference!!!!*

Here are 10 ways you can help us with our Green Lodging Initiatives:

1. Use recycle bins. Here at the Plaza Beach Resorts we recycle plastic, glass, paper, and aluminum.
2. Try to use your towels more than once by hanging them up to dry.
3. Be sure your doors and windows are closed when the air conditioning is on.
4. Turn off all lights and TV when you are not in the room.
5. Raise your A/C temperate when not in the room.
6. Turn off faucet water when brushing your teeth.
7. Use Recycled Tote bag provided when going grocery shopping.
8. Use glass cups and ceramic mugs (instead of disposable) for in-room beverages.
9. Report any leaking faucets and toilets.
10. Use refillable hair and skin care dispensers instead of buying shampoo bottles.

*Take these ideas home to help the environment*