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Hotels gain 'green' certification

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Six hotels recently received Delaware Green Lodging certification for implementing basic green lodging practices that conserve natural resources, save money, and enhance their marketing potential as an environmentally-responsible business. The announcement, which brings the total number of Green Lodging Hotels in Delaware to twelve, was made by program partners the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association.

“Green hotels have responded to consumer demands by changing to more environmentally-friendly and sustainable practices,” said Crystal Nagyiski, Delaware Green Lodging program manager. “By incorporating green practices in the way they do business, green hotels have set themselves apart from the competition.”

The six hotels recognized were Holiday Inn Express in Bethany Beach and Rehoboth Beach, the Atlantis Inn in Rehoboth Beach, Embassy Suites in Newark, the Awaken Inn in Millsboro, and The Biden Environmental Training Center in Lewes. To qualify for the program, the hotels implemented five basic green lodging practices: recycling, water conservation, optional linen service, energy conservation and a “green events” package.

DNREC’s website includes an overview of the Delaware Green Lodging program, the checklist businesses need to complete to qualify and other information. A list of participating businesses and environmentally-friendly practices implemented is also included. Visit www.dnrec.delaware.gov/p2/Pages/GreenLodging.aspx

The Delaware Green Lodging Program is a voluntary, self-certifying program that encourages hotels, resorts and other hospitality facilities to understand their impacts to the environment and implement pollution prevention practices. Facilities that meet the requirements receive a certificate and window decals and can display the Delaware Green Lodging logo on marketing materials. In addition, Green Lodging hotels are listed on the program website and are eligible to participate in grant opportunities.

For more information on the Green Lodging or other Pollution Prevention programs, contact Crystal Nagyiski at (302)739-9909 or crystal.nagyiski@state.de.us.

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