



Delaware Green Lodging Pollution Prevention Practices Checklist

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The **Delaware Green Lodging** program is the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Delaware Hotel & Lodging Association's initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take step to reduce these impacts and save their facility MONEY! **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge. Let us know what you are doing and we will help you let your customers know about the good things you are doing for the environment. They don't need to know that you're saving money at the same time.

To Join. Simply fill out this checklist and mail/fax/email into the Delaware P2 Program at the addresses below. If you are doing the basic practices, then you are IN the **Delaware Green Lodging** program. It's that easy! Your facility will be featured on the P2 website and on the DHLA Green Lodging website.

Basic Practices. These are the minimum requirements for all **Delaware Green Lodging** participants. To qualify, you must check all of the Basic Practices. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or include an explanation if for some reason you are unable to implement these.

Simply mark (X) on any of the practices that your facility uses:

___ **Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay, thus decreasing usage of water, energy and harmful detergents.

___ **Recycling.** Recycling is the most visible sign to your guest that you are **green**. You should strive to at least provide the opportunity for guests to recycle cans, bottles, etc.

___ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider water-saving faucets, showerheads and toilets, leak detection, and an effective landscape watering plan.

___ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages the replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives such as compact-fluorescent lighting, LED Exit signs, lighting sensors, efficient heating and cooling, and Energy Star computers and other equipment.

___ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a **green** or environmentally friendly package for conference, meetings and other events. At a minimum, you must be able to provide recycling at such events and be willing to work with environmentally - aware customers on other practices to reduce wastes.

Lots of Other Great Practices! Please tell us more about the great practices you're doing. We will include these on the website. Simply mark (X) to any that apply to your facility.

Linen Service

- Purchase water-efficient washers and dryers. (www.energystar.gov)
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents.
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals .
- Use of linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning.

Recycling

- Glass
- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Plastic
- Office Paper
- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Toner cartridges
- Kitchen Grease
- Fluorescent Lamps (required by EPA-RCRA law)
- Electronics (required by EPA-RCRA law)
- Batteries (required by EPA-RCRA law for NiCd and Lead-Acid)
- Other: _____

Waste Reduction

- Tracking overall waste bills

Rooms

- Bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Fill up shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Food & Conference Facilities

- Eliminate the use of Styrofoam
- Use dishware and glassware & minimize use of disposables
- Disposable containers made from bio-based, recycled content or compostable material.
- Provide condiments and cream and sugar, etc in bulk
- Use of water pitchers that minimize use of single-use bottles
- Donation of excess food from events
- Effective food inventory control to minimize wastes
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Filtering of grease rather than recycling
- Organic and "sustainably-grown" foods (www.sustainabletable.org/issues)

Office

- Purchase recycled-content paper, paper towels and/or toilet paper
- Encouraging suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchasing from vendors that have a commitment to the environment
- 2-sided copies/printing
- use electronic correspondence and forms
- Using Green cleaners
- Using bulk green cleaners

Installation of high-efficiency hand dryers

Purchase low-VOC carpets and fabrics

Maintenance

Use of reused building materials or those from sustainable sources

Use of latex paint

Reuse paint thinners

Proper recycling and/or disposal of thinners and solvents (required by EPA-RCRA)

Last in/first out inventory & effective labeling systems

Preventative maintenance of all appliances, HVAC systems, and vehicles

Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides

Use integrated pest management (IPM)

www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/ipm.htm

Water

Tracking overall water usage and wastewater

Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks

Water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use

high-efficiency dishwashers

Encouraging sweeping first

Low flow faucets and showerheads

Low flow toilets and/or waterless urinals

Drought resistant landscape management plan

Green roof development (www.greenroofs.com)

Use of rain barrels

Effective stormwater management plan

Minimize impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)

Energy

Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce

Use of compact fluorescent lightbulbs

Install LED Exit Signs

Use of ceiling fans

Use of high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 & T-8)

High efficiency HVAC

Individual thermostats for each room

Use of natural lighting

Solar panels or other renewable energy source

Lighting sensors

Purchase of EnergyStar computers, appliances, etc

Design and operation of buildings that are LEED certified (www.usgbc.org)

Green Meetings/Conferences

Inclusion of green meetings/conferences in marketing packages

(see fact sheet on "Green Conferences and Events")

Feel free to list any of these too: _____

Other: Creative/Common Sense Ideas Your Facility Does!

Please provide the following information:

Facility Name: _____
Address: _____

Website: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Complete this checklist and send it to us via mail/fax/email at the addresses below:

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We will use this information to generate a **Delaware Green Lodging** profile of your facility that will be added to the websites for **Delaware Green Lodging** and the Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association green page. We will soon contact you to confirm your information and will then send you a **Delaware Green Lodging** Welcome Packet that will include a **Delaware Green Lodging** certificate and window decals for display. You are also free to use the **Delaware Green Lodging** logo on letterhead, marketing and other materials. We encourage you to link your website to your facility information.

