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Our Commitment to the Environment

Destination Earth in Action at the Rizzo Conference Center

Rizzo Conference Center is already hard at work implementing green practices into its daily operations.

IACC Green Star

The International Association of Conference Centers (IACC) recognizes its members who demonstrate they are leaders in environmental responsibility. The Rizzo Center is a Gold Tier leader.

Sustainable Food Practices

Organic herbs are grown on property grounds and used in the cuisines. 40% of menu items are either organic or locally grown, including wines, coffee and tea. Leftover food is composted along with paper cups and plates.

Green Meeting

All meeting rooms have water bottle re-use cards instructing participants how to keep their water bottle throughout the day. Staff recycles all leftover glass and plastic bottles. All meeting rooms are also equipped with paper recycling bins.

Energy and Water Conservation

Incandescent lighting has been replaced with florescent bulbs throughout the property. Laundry and dish washing machines operate at 100% capacity. All faucets, toilets and showerheads produce low flow water. Re-use cards for towels and linens are placed in every guestroom.

Operations

Rizzo purchases recycled service and office paper products. In addition, we recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, cans and bottles. Toner and ink cartridges are returned to the manufacturers for recycling.

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MISSION: In recognition of the need to preserve the world in which we operate and serve our guests, the Rizzo Conference Center is dedicated to practices and programs that pay respect to, and lessen our footprint on, our changing environment.

COMMITMENT: Rizzo Conference Center recognizes that our customers, owners and associates all benefit from and desire a healthy, sustainable environment. As we continue on the journey of environmental stewardship, we are committed to maintaining the superior guest experience that our customers expect, while reducing our impact on the Earth's natural resources.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT: The average hotel uses 218 gallons of water per day per occupied room, creates 30 lbs of waste per room per day, and the hospitality industry spends \$3.7 billion a year on energy - electricity use accounts for 60-70% of a hotel's utility costs. Simply put, we are major users of the Earth's resources.

CORPORATE PRACTICES: We have created a "Destination Earth" taskforce to ensure that all departments and associates of Rizzo Conference Center are personally involved and committed to the program. We are moving forward with the following initiatives and while we recognize that these actions will not be implemented overnight we believe through our commitment to this direction we will reduce our hotels use of natural resources and will continue to embrace environmentally responsible products and practices.

- Establishment of a property specific "green team" at Rizzo Conference Center, to adopt, implement and monitor earth-friendly practices and to become better stewards of the natural resources we utilize.
- Retrofitting Rizzo Conference Center with energy efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems, as well as water-saving devices.
- Sourcing environmentally responsible products and services locally and purchasing organic, natural and eco-friendly goods and supplies when possible. Purchasing fresh and sustainable foods locally grown, when possible.
- Creating partnerships with organizations that demonstrate a commitment to preserving the environment.
- Leading our associates to apply eco-friendly practices in their daily operations.
- Utilizing environmentally-responsible building materials and strategies for new additions and renovations to reduce environmental impact.
- Implementing tools that allow us to continually measure the progress of our individual properties and support their commitment to preserving the environment.

