



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

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# Turf Valley Resort



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Resort (Hotel, Restaurant, Spa and Golf Courses)

Member since November 2009

## Management and Leadership

### Environmental Policy Statement

*As a family owned and operated business, it is especially important to the Management and Staff of Turf Valley to strive toward a better, greener Earth for ourselves, our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Not only do we seek to ensure compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, but also to instill an attitude of personal environmental responsibility throughout all possible aspects of our business.*

*We will:*

- *Continuously work toward decreasing our environmental impact thru the reduction of gas, electric and water usage across property.*
- *Offer training and certification programs, as well as awareness campaigns that reach out to all employees.*
- *Seek out eco-friendly initiatives and be an advocate and industry leader for energy conservation and environmental practices.*
- *Communicate initiatives, such as property-wide recycling programs, and encourage participation by all employees and guests.*

### Environmental Team

*Turf Valley's environmental committee is comprised of both managers and hourly employees from a variety of departments (Operations, Food and Beverage, Sales, Accounting, Grounds, Marketing, Spa). Our mission is to*

*minimize our impact on the environment by outlining objectives for energy savings, holding true to our environmental statement, educating and promoting participation from employees and guests, communicating initiatives to employees and guests, reducing costs, creating customer loyalty and making environmentally preferable purchasing decisions whenever feasible. We meet every other month to discuss current initiatives, future ideas and highlight any progress made on ongoing items.*

## **Environmentally Preferable Procurement**

*Turf Valley's procurement policy is to always research the most environmentally friendly option first and to change purchasing policies where necessary to reduce our impact on the environment. This applies to all purchases, including paper products, mechanical and kitchen equipment as well as lighting. Some examples are:*

- *Switched Room Service tray liners to liners made from recycled material.*
- *Toner cartridges are returned to their manufacturer to be recycled.*
- *Purchased public space recycle containers and smaller recycling containers in each hotel guest room to encourage guests to recycle whenever possible.*
- *Added motion sensors to turn off/on lighting in a variety of public areas.*
- *Converted light bulbs in public space lamps and upgraded Ballroom lighting to fluorescent bulbs.*
- *Removed need for paper products in public restrooms by installing Dyson Airblade hand dryers.*

## Waste

### **Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse**

*Since upgrading our recycling efforts, we have drastically reduced our solid waste. In our first month alone, we saw a 13% reduction in solid waste. Our present goal is to reduce solid waste by 30%. We will be looking for methods to reduce bottled water consumption on property. Examples of reduction in physical waste on property are:*

- *Eliminated Styrofoam products on property such as To-Go containers in our restaurants and cups in the employee cafeteria.*
- *Shower Caps have been eliminated from all guest rooms and are now only available by request.*
- *Switched to paperless invoicing for contracted groups and converted to online reporting for our function reports.*
- *Upgraded to chemical cleaning capsules that produce 33% less waste.*

- *Changed to large totes for bulk fertilizers, soil amendments and wetting agents to eliminate the use of many smaller containers that cannot be recycled.*

## **Recycling**

*Turf Valley has recycled paper and cardboard products for years. We recently have added three additional single-stream recycle dumpsters and are recycling paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum and plastic. Additional recycling initiatives are:*

- *Added stationary recycle containers in common areas and moveable containers for meeting rooms while in use.*
- *Started recycling fryer grease from restaurant and banquets kitchens.*
- *Collected old fluorescent bulbs and batteries to be recycled.*
- *Added recycling bins to each of our beverage carts on the golf course.*
- *Identified heavy traffic areas on our golf course for future installation of outdoor recycling containers.*

## **Composting**

- *Composted approximately 40 tons of solid waste on an annual basis, since 2009.*

## **Energy**

### **Energy Efficiency**

*Turf Valley has strived to minimize the use of energy not only to reduce costs, but also reduce our imprint on the environment. Ways we have maintained lowered energy levels include:*

- *Installed motion detectors to control the lighting in public restrooms, the Fitness Center and our Executive Lounge.*
- *Lowered the standard temperature of the hot tub and indoor pool a few degrees to match the recommendation of the American Red Cross which also saves energy.*
- *Added a variable frequency drive in the South wing condensing line for HVAC which controls water flow and saves energy.*
- *Developed standards for HVAC control, water heater control and refrigerator temperature controls in unoccupied Villas.*
- *Upgraded lighting in our ballrooms.*
- *Implemented sleep-mode on all copy machines and printers.*

- *Identified areas on our golf courses and common areas that will be allowed to grow native and only require bi-annual mowing.*
- *Covered South and West facing windows during the summer in hotel rooms to prevent rooms from heating and requiring more A/C to cool.*

## Water



### **Water Conservation**

*As a large hotel and banquet facility, Turf Valley has created many initiatives to reduce water usage from guests and employees. We have also looked outside our buildings to conserve water while maintaining our golf courses and common areas on property.*

- *Replaced shower heads in 126 rooms with new water-saving shower heads.*
- *Installed faucet aerators in guest room sinks to improve the flow of water.*
- *Reclaimed irrigation and rainwater water runoff for use in irrigation cycles on the golf course to minimize the need for sub-surface water withdrawal.*
- *Dishwasher purchased for Members' Grill recycles water.*
- *Advertised linen/towel reuse option for hotel guests.*
- *Created native plant material and untreated turf grass buffer areas along some waterways and wetland areas to create additional filtering of surface runoff before entering waterways.*

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