



**Environmental Program Guide**  
Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch

## Mission Statements

### **Our Commitment to the Environment**

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa is committed to reducing our carbon footprint. We will establish an active culture that educates our colleagues, influences our guests and inspires our business partners. In doing so, we will help create a sustainable future for generations to come.

### **Hyatt Regency Scottsdale's Green Team**

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale's Green Team has the responsibility to communicate and implement both Hyatt's sustainability program and our resort's green initiatives. It leads our efforts to ensure that we are purchasing eco-friendly products, conserving energy, reducing our waste, educating our colleagues and communicating our success.



## **A History of Conservation**

For nearly a decade and a half, Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort has engaged in a tradition of environmental consciousness. We have been told that we were the first resort in the country to have a position dedicated to environmental management. Hyatt's environmental program is an industry first, and serves both guests and employees in four areas.

1. Energy efficiency and waste minimization
2. Environmental health and safety for our colleagues
3. Environmental education for our guests
4. Community outreach programs on environmental education

Our environmental program includes several mandated as well as innovated programs.

## **Green Team**

Our Green Team consists of colleagues from a number of departments within our resort. The team discusses and implements policies for our resort and serves as an outlet for colleagues to voice their concerns. The Green Team helps audit solid waste disposal and helps facilitate colleague education.

## **Recycling**

We work closely with Waste Management and voluntarily participate in a recycling program where we recycle paper, glass, plastic, aluminum, tin and cardboard, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and electronics. In addition:

- Waterlogic water purifying hydration stations are installed throughout the resort in public areas and restaurants as an environmentally-friendly alternative to bottled water.
- Our garbage compactor is monitored by pressure to minimize the amount of trips made by the Hauler, and to decrease emissions.

## **Trip Reduction Program**

This is the resort's 22nd year as a participant in the county's mandated clean air campaign. The Hyatt subsidizes bus passes, dedicates 50 spaces for carpoolers, provides showers for walkers and bikers and has incentive drawings for participants that include preferred parking, movie passes and cash.

## **Environmental Safety Program**

Chemicals and chemical containers are contained and safely recycled through vendors and local municipalities.



## Reduce Use

We have many energy measures in effect to reduce the consumption of electricity, gas and water throughout the property.

- HVAC control monitoring in meeting space and guestrooms.
- Planting vegetation indigenous to the Sonoran Desert requires less water for maintenance.
- Drip irrigation and automatic sprinkler timers are also utilized to minimize water consumption.
- Energy-efficient lighting is installed in most areas, including guestrooms, the lobby, corridors, service areas and associate offices. Motion sensors are utilized in offices, mechanical spaces, linen closets and storage rooms.
- Low-flow showerheads and toilets are utilized in the guestrooms. Faucet aerators are utilized in guestrooms and kitchen areas.
- We have a comprehensive preventative maintenance program in place that encompasses routine maintenance on heating and ventilation equipment, filter replacement, gas equipment and plumbing fixture maintenance.
- Sodium chlorite is used to produce non-toxic chlorine in the 2.5 acre guest pools.



## Sustainable and High-Efficiency Building Systems

- Solar thermal domestic hot water heating for guestrooms and kitchen. We have achieved an overall reduction in purchased gas by approximately 50%.
- Ultra-efficient chiller plant reduces annual water consumption by over one million gallons, and electrical consumption by 40%.
- Variable-speed cooling towers that reduce energy and utilize low-chemical technology.
- White reflective cool roof system on the resort and Spa Avania reduced the thermal load on the building.
- Integrated Building Automation System that optimizes the performance of the HVAC systems in the resort.
- Vegetative roof on the Vaquero Ballroom that reduces heat-island affect on surrounding guest balconies, and reduces thermal energy load on the ballroom HVAC system.



## Environmentally Friendly Guestroom Appointments

Environmental design has been incorporated into our guestrooms, suites and casitas.

- Grohe plumbing faucets meet the current requirements for maximizing water usage and minimizing waste.
- Toto Eco Drake, an eco-friendly toilet.
- The textiles used are Greenguard certified and have reduced environmental impact. Documentation is available upon request.
- The carpeting has a small component of post consumer material in its backing. Most importantly, the manufacturer has implemented a program to minimize landfill waste. All carpeting is collected and recycled in its entirety.
- Lighting: All portable fixtures, wall mounted sconces, ceiling mounted decorative lighting in the corridors and the backlit bathroom mirrors and energy efficient fixtures.
- The thermostats are part of a total room energy management system that incorporates a digital set-back thermostat with occupancy sensor and balcony door switch that are integrated into our property management system.
- Architectural lattice has been placed throughout the resort. This manufactured product is made of 50% reclaimed wood and 50% recycled polyethylene plastic.
- Our playground equipment is made from 99% recycled milk jugs.



## Guest Environmental Education Program

- The resort's Native American Learning Center speaks to environmental awareness in a venue where Native American cultures, dedicated to land-based stewardship, address today's concern.
- Eco-pond: In 1996, the resort converted a chemically treated Koi pond, which surrounds the resort's Regency Club gazebo, into an environmentally sensitive pond naturally maintained by symbiosis. The Eco-pond was awarded the Valley Forward Association's prestigious Crescordia Award for public assembly in environmentalism.

## Community Involvement

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort is also actively involved in the community. Community is a large part of Hyatt culture, and giving to the community is essential in establishing a lasting relationship with our destination. Understanding that future sustainability of tourism is contingent upon the natural beauty of the state, Hyatt has initiated programs to teach environmental responsibility.

- Hyatt's environmental program was awarded a grant by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to create an environmental kit for all Arizona Hotel and Lodging Association (AZH&LA) members. Our program was also designated by the AZH&LA as the state's hotel, resort and lodging resource to help properties develop environmental initiatives.
- Solid Waste Management is a prime focus of our program. Along with recycling and reuse of our resources, Hyatt also finds resources for items and material we no longer utilize. Donations of bed linen to charitable organizations such as the Central Arizona Shelter, Missionaries of Mexico and the Salvation Army distribute these items to the needy.
- When available, the resort donates excess perishable foods, that would otherwise be thrown away, to Waste Not, a local non-profit organization that provides food to the hungry through a diverse network of agencies.



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