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Arizona Biltmore Sets Eco-Friendly Standards

All-encompassing Green Program

PHOENIX, AZ, July 28, 2008. The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa is committed to setting the standard for an environmentally friendly operation with the implementation of an all-encompassing green program.

"Adopting environmentally friendly practices is no longer an option but a necessity, and at the Arizona Biltmore we are committed to becoming an industry leader in this growing trend," said Julia Thorn, director of corporate sustainability. "That's why we have developed our Green Initiative that is extraordinarily comprehensive and sustainable, covering all aspects of our operations and every department of the resort, from water-saving plans and biodegradable supplies to the spa."

The goal of the Green Initiative is to significantly reduce the Arizona Biltmore's global footprint, create a more environmentally friendly operation, and establish the Arizona Biltmore as an environmentally responsible resort. The resort has identified actions, initiatives and practices that have been put into effect throughout the resort; planned this year and into 2009.

A Green Committee, composed of executives from every department of the resort, was established to oversee implementation of the plan, monitor and adjust as necessary the existing initiatives, and explore additional avenues.

A few items among the many actions currently being taken:

General

Converted to compact fluorescent bulbs and fluorescent overhead lighting.

Recycling resort-wide including cardboard, paper, aluminum, plastic, printing cartridges, batteries, etc.

Using environmentally safe, certified green, cleaning products in guest rooms, public areas, etc.

Spa

Use chemical-free, organic and vegan products that work with the body.

Use clean-burning flameless candles in treatment rooms and throughout the spa.

Grounds

Converting to electric lawn mowers and leaf blowers.

Use reclaimed water from the canal for watering.

Return plant containers that are not biodegradable to growers for recycling.

Rooms & Suites

Offer water saving options for sheets and towels in guestrooms.

Convert to organic cotton linens and bathrobes.
Use low-flow toilets and shower heads

Public Areas and Front Office
Paperless check-in & check-out for guests.
Key cards made from recycled corn products.

Office and Operations Areas
Distribute documents such as memos, reports and contracts by email only, unless a printed hard copy is required.
When printing or copying is required, encourage two-sided printing/copying, using the smallest margins possible, etc.
Use water coolers rather than water bottles.
Turn off lights, computers, etc. in offices when not in use.
Added recycled-paper, motionless towel dispensers in 90 areas of the hotel.
Turn off lights and air conditioning when rooms are not in use.

Dining & Banquets
Purchase food from local and organic growers whenever feasible.
Use reusable containers for beverages, food and condiments whenever possible.
Recycle cooking/fryer oils into diesel fuel.
Arranging compost pick-up for food scraps.

Trip Reduction Programs
Carpool parking.
Free bus passes.

Many additional actions are planned in the months ahead, from offering recycling in guest rooms and public areas to new weather stripping on windows and doors and thermal film on windows.

Meetings & Events
The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa also is working closely with groups to make meetings and events greener by using appropriate products and practices. These range from providing water coolers rather than individual water bottles to using recyclable and biodegradable paper products for materials, signs, etc., to opting for cans rather than glass for

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