



## HOTEL OPERATIONS

### Environmental Purchasing



- 1 Purchase reusable and disposable products.
- 2 Purchase reusable cups, mugs, dishes and silverware for employees.
- 3 Purchase products that are recyclable, biodegradable, organic, grown/  
made locally and have low toxicity.
- 4 Provide restroom supplies, hand towels and toilet paper that are made  
from recycled products. Also provide air dryers.
- 5 Select environmentally responsible service providers, renewable  
energy sources, integrated pest management and alternative fuel  
vehicles.
- 6 When possible, purchase food and guest amenities in bulks.
- 7 Purchase organic, fair trade, cruelty-free guest amenity products  
when possible (see site for helpful links).
- 8 Use recycled paper products (with high post-consumer recycled  
content) that are either unbleached or bleached using a chlorine-free  
process.
- 9 Use non-toxic or least toxic cleaners, sanitizers, paints, pesticides, etc  
throughout the hotel. Make sure all chemicals are stored safely in a  
well-ventilated area.

- 10 Purchase “Energy Star” appliances and replace old washing machines with both water and energy conserving models.
- 11 Consider cabinets, flooring, tiles and countertops (to name a few) made of recycled and renewable resources.
- 12 Purchase shower curtains that will far outlast cheap plastic ones. A hemp shower curtain naturally resists mildew and is machine washable.
- 13 Purchase wool floor coverings instead of synthetic alternatives since wool is much more durable and easier to clean.
- 14 For gift shops, considering purchasing fair trade products.