

# RENAISSANCE Washington DC Downtown Hotel

## GREEN & SUSTAINABLE

## PRACTICES

### Overall

- Registered with EPA's Portfolio Manager System for the ENERGY STAR program, and Certified Green Hotel by Greenhotels.com

### Reduce

- Minimize Water Usage
  - Permanently installed water meters that provides monthly data on total water use for the entire building and associated grounds
  - Water closets meet a minimum standard of water use of 1.28 gallons per flush
  - Urinals meet a minimum standard of water use of 1.0 gallon per flush
  - Public lavatories, faucets, and aerators meet a minimum standard of water use of 0.5 gallon per minute
  - Private lavatories, faucets, and aerators meet a minimum standard of water use of 1.5 gallons per minute
  - Kitchen and janitor sink faucets meet a minimum standard of water use of 2.2 gallons per minute
  - Metering faucets meet a minimum standard of water use of 0.25 gallon per metering cycle
- Solid Waste Management Policies
  - Covers all building waste streams, including recycling, composting, donating and reuse of food waste, grease, paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metals, batteries, mercury containing lamps, building materials, and electronic equipment
  - Encourages staff and guest participation in waste diversion efforts
  - Provides staff training on recycling, composting, donating, and reusing waste
- Electricity Reduction
  - Floors shut down to minimize electricity usage based on room occupancy and hotel needs
  - Guest rooms have motion sensors to help minimize the usage of air conditioning or heat

### Reuse

- Towel and sheet reuse program
- Partially used bathroom amenities, such as soap and shampoo, are donated to the Shower Ministry in DC

### Recycle

- Clearly marked recycling containers in common areas, including lobby and function space
- Bathroom papers contain post-consumer recycled content fiber
- Food that can be re-utilized from Banquet events is used in the cafeteria for the staff, as well as provided to the Shower Ministry in DC to feed the homeless

### Additional Initiatives

- Sources food from local vendors and companies
- Participates in the Spirit to Serve Program that is part of the company wide initiative to give back to the community
- Provides opportunities for hotel ambassadors to participate in programs, such as tuition reimbursement, retirement plans, and language courses