

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Ocean City



106 32nd St Ocean City, MD 21842 410-289-5762 <u>www.LaQuintaOceanCity.com</u> Hotel *Member since January 2020*

Management and Leadership

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We have recently switched over to soap and shampoo dispensers to reduce single use plastics. We have also moved to products with recycled content and have reduced or eliminated single use plastics in our breakfast bar.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Reducing single use plastics in our breakfast bar has resulted in a 5% reduction in inventory and use costs for 2019.

☑ Toxics Use Reduction

We have also instituted messages in our rooms to promote people to reuse their bathroom towels and forgo their linen changes every 3rd day. This cuts down on the amount of chemicals and utilities needed to clean laundry on a daily basis and has resulted in a 4% reduction in chemical use costs for 2019.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

- We have our staff on a nightly basis inspect all empty, unsold rooms to make sure all lights, electronics, and appliances are turned off.
- We have all LED lighting throughout the entire building.
- When constructed in 2014, the building was equipped with a variable refrigerant flow (VRF) HVAC system. This highly efficient system helps keep our energy consumption down versus traditional Packaged Terminal Air Conditioning (PTAC) units.
- All rooms have conservation switches on their balcony doors. So when the guest opens the balcony slider, the HVAC system in their room turns off.
- We have high efficiency Rheem boilers that use a combination of gas burning and pressure to heat our water.

<u>Water</u>

Water Conservation

- We have installed low flow showerheads and sink aerators.
- Encouraging guests to reuse their bathroom towels and forgo their linen changes every 3rd day reduces water use.

Stormwater Management

We have a bio retention pond in front of our building which captures all run off from it.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

We were awarded the Worcester County 2016 Green Award for our green initiatives in the new construction of this hotel and our daily practices operating it.



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