

InterContinental Toronto Centre.....is Green!

We at InterContinental Toronto Centre have adopted several environmentally friendly initiatives into our daily operations. Being green is not just a catch phrase for us, it is a way of life within our organization. Some of the ways that we, as a hotel, are contributing to a more sustainable city are:

1. Hotel appointed an Environmental Committee made up of representatives from all areas of the hotel, which meets monthly to discuss and adopt new ideas.
2. Recycling, recycling, recycling....hotel maintains contract with large recycling company
3. Items which are not utilized any longer are sold off to employees, or donated to charities (pillows, duvets etc)
4. Added 10 new food recycling stations to the main kitchen and banquet kitchen to enhance the recycling process
5. On-going replacement of the T-12 fluorescent tubes with T-8 energy efficient light bulbs
6. Double sided photocopies for all internal documents
7. Conception stages of an environmental reward program for associates within the hotel
8. Bulletin boards throughout back of the house areas, with environmental information for associates to read and learn from
9. Environmental audits conducted on the hotel
10. Recycled paper products used wherever possible in the hotel
11. Closely monitor water and electricity usage
12. Strongly promote local markets in our menus (buy local)
13. Separate all garbage, plastic from food items
14. Certain food items are sent to the hotel in cardboard boxes, our arrangement with distributor is for them to remove all cardboard for recycling purposes
15. All bottles are picked up by LCBO and Brewers Retail
16. Blue boxes in all areas of the hotel
17. Reports are scanned and emailed rather than photocopied and distributed
18. Lights are kept off in all vacant guestrooms and function space, and checked by Security during regular rounds to ensure that electricity is not being wasted
19. Overages in banquet food items are sent to the employee cafeteria for consumption
20. Linen and towel replacement schedule posted in all guestrooms
21. Left over food items sent to Second Harvest