



Green Practices

- Only recycle paper is used in our offices
- Bottled water and can sodas are no longer on complimentary basis-within a year we accumulate over 600,000 bottles and cans, which cannot be recycled on Antigua
- Soda is now only provided through the soda 'guns' behind the bars
- Beer at the bars is served from a keg, again to cut down on the waste generated by the individual bottles or cans.
- The oil in the kitchen is given to a local farmer to fuel his vehicle
- We have discontinued using plastic cups and plates in our employee canteen; we are now using glass plates and re-useable plastic cups
- We purchase large drums to store our house gins, vodka and rums. Therefore, this eliminates having to purchase a lot of bottles we do not need.
- Energy efficient light bulbs are being used throughout the property
- Housekeeping use old table cloths to create bags to carry the linens, thus eliminating the use of plastic bags.
- We irrigate the grounds and landscaping with gray water
- Waste food is separated and given to a local pig farmer
- We have installed air-conditioning devices that have sensors which switch off once a door has been left open for a certain period of time
- Solar water heaters have been installed for our newly completed premium suites
- The housekeeping maids have been trained to set the air conditioning devices to 25C degrees once they have cleaned a room, allowing less energy to be consumed
- We train the staff to leave ceiling fans on all day and night as turning a fan off and on consumes the same electricity as leaving the fan on for 6 hours
- We train all employees to turn off all lights and air conditioners in areas of the hotel that are not in use
- All landscaping lighting is being switched from photocells to timers to stop the lights coming on when a dark cloud passes
- All new garbage and laundry bins are being constructed with reclaimed wood
- We are in the process of setting up our own nursery, which will grow some fruits, vegetables, and herbs. This will help to reduce our carbon footprint
- Last year we switched the laundry and housekeeping departments to use Eco-Lab products to help reduce the amount of harmful chemicals used in cleaning
- All of our water-sports provided are non-motorized
- We hope to buy a wood chipper (USD\$25,000.00) this year, which will allow us to re-use all of landscape trimmings as a fertilizer and reduce the amount of water evaporation
- We are moving away from weekly payroll envelopes (we use at least 195 per week) and will be introducing a payroll perforated envelope system to cut down on the waste of paper.