

# Hotel Green Initiatives



The InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile is continuously improving our environmental performance through the development and sharing of best practices, training, and recognition of excellence. Below are current examples of our **Green Initiatives** in action across the entire hotel:

## Recycling

- Hotel has recycling plan in place that monitors the amount of waste going to a landfill
- Hotel has battery, used PC, and bulb recycling program that is available to our employee and guests
- Meeting spaces can be equipped with recycling bins for event groups to use

## Energy & Resource Management

- City of Chicago Energy Rating of 4 out of 4 stars, and a U.S. EPA Energy Star Score of 74 out of 100
- LED light bulbs have been installed in 99% of the hotel
- A Greener Stay program provides IHG® guests with option to opt out of daily Housekeeping services to decrease environmental impact, and in return gives that guest bonus IHG® Rewards points per stay
- All new guest room toilets operate at a usage of 1.6 gallons per flush
- Low flow aerators are installed in all sinks to reduce water consumption
- Newest meeting spaces equipped with motion detected lights to save energy while areas are not in use
- Newest meeting spaces equipped with their own thermostat to reduce energy usage when unoccupied

## Waste Minimization

- Soap, shampoo/conditioner, and lotion bulk dispensers installed in all guestrooms and in Fitness Center, in compliance with IHG®'s Journey to Tomorrow 10 year action plan
- Coreless toilet paper rolls are in all public washrooms to reduce paper waste
- Hotel uses low VOC paints and products & all cleaning products and chemicals are Green Seal Certified
- Hotel uses cloth napkins whenever possible; when not, 100% recycled napkins are used
- Hotel strives to primarily use reusable cutlery, dinnerware, and serving dishes in the meeting spaces; when unable, plant-made and recyclable replacements are used
- Meeting spaces are offered with water stations with glass cups to reduce single-use plastic usage
- Employee-led efforts to reduce paper waste by using digital technology and eliminating printing in practices where able

## Food and Beverage Sustainability

- Hotel is mindful of purchasing locally grown and eco-friendly products when available to reduce carbon emissions
- Hotel partners with and purchases tea and coffee from companies that are champions of sustainability and have positive social impacts in their local communities
- Michael Jordan's Steakhouse uses paper straws for 80% of the cocktails they make, and use 100% recyclable paper bags for To-Go items
- Starbucks in Hotel participates in reusable cup initiative, and uses recyclable cups day-to-day

## Education & Community

- Hotel is committed to promoting effective environmental management through partnering with key vendors and contractors, including but not limited to-
  - Linz Farms
  - Royal Cup Coffee
  - Roar Tea
  - Wilken & Sons Jellies
  - Sysco Earth Plus
  - Hoffmaster
  - Iron Mountain
- A Green Resource Employee Action Team has been established to educate and empower hotel employees to actively participate in our hotel's Green Initiatives

*Thank you for your continued support of our **Green Initiatives**. We encourage you to ask us for more details on the above practices, as we are always excited to talk about them. We strive to grow and do better as a hotel, and are grateful for your partnership in our efforts.*