

## **Holiday Inn Express & Suites at the Vineyards**

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### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management and Reduction**

Choose local vendors to reduce transport of items

Allow flexible staff schedules to minimize staff travel during heavy traffic periods

Utilize and provide staff and customers video conferencing/teleconferencing to minimize travel to meetings

### **Solid Waste Management, Reduction, Reuse, & Recycling**

Purchase products in reusable, returnable containers

Donate obsolete/unwanted equipment, electronics, furniture to charity

Donate leftover cookware, silverware, and linens to charity

Donate unused food to a community food bank/compost site

Purchase products such as condiments, cleaning supplies, and other products in bulk/concentrated form

Offer reusable products such as glass cups, cotton linens, and refillable condiment dispensers

Ensure that printed materials are printed on paper with high recycled content (at least 35%) and print using soy-based ink

Recycle damaged towels and sheets as cleaning rags and craft torn linens into other usable items (e.g. sheets into pillowcases)

Reuse newspaper, shredded paper, and incoming packaging materials for packing/shipping needs

When reusable options are not feasible, use disposable products that are compostable such as corn-based cutlery

Use non-bleached paper napkins, towels, and coffee filters

Install high-efficiency air hand dryers, cloth/roll-up type to minimize paper towel usage

Use rechargeable batteries

Provide cigarette disposal bins in smoking areas

Ensure proper disposal of hazardous materials

Use preventative maintenance on equipment to reduce risk of replacement

Provide and publicize recycling bins

Distributing information to guests/participants via email and avoiding hard copy

Avoid use of fax cover sheets

Distribute inter-office documents using routing slips, bulletin boards, or email distributions rather than printing copies for staff members

Using both sides of printing paper and using the reverse side of printing paper for printing rough drafts

Streamlining operational systems that rely on paper or hard copies

Reuse envelopes for inter-office mail

Set and use fax and copy machines to copy documents directly to computers rather than printing a new copy

Recycles the Following: Office mix, Corrugated cardboard, Newspaper, Phone books, carpeting

### **Freshwater Consumption Reduction**

Conduct regular inspections and establish preventative maintenance schedules to ensure maximum efficiency

Educate staff on water conservation and best practices

Discourage water-based cleanup and use alternatives such as microfiber technology

When purchasing new appliances or fixtures, purchase water-efficient models such as those certified by EPA WaterSense® and Energy Star®

Establish frequency schedule according to local climate, season, and landscaped area in order to maximize water use efficiency

Raise lawn mower cutting height to cut down on evaporation

Routinely inspect sprinkler system, including heads, nozzles, lines and valves to ensure efficient settings and proper operation

Limit lawn areas and/or use xeriscaping

Use soaker hoses in plant beds

Time watering to occur in the early morning or evening when evaporation is the lowest

Remove any thatch and aerate turf to encourage the movement of water to the root zone

Avoid runoff and make sure sprinklers do not run onto sidewalks/paved areas

Do not water on windy, rainy, or overly hot days

Ensure irrigation equipment applies water uniformly

Mulch around plants to limit evaporation and discourage weed growth

Avoid hosing down sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots

### **Wastewater Management**

Ensure proper use, storage, and disposal of cleaning products and other potentially harmful chemicals such as fertilizers and paints

Limit the number of chemical products used and stored

Ensure that all chemicals are securely stored and clearly marked

Monitor equipment and products for potential chemical leaks

Use an integrated pest management (IPM) system for interior and exterior jobs

Use environmentally preferable or certified paints, solvents, and coatings (MSDS Health Hazard Rating of 1 or

Reuse paint thinners

Use latex paints rather than oil based paints

Educate staff on proper methods of containment and clean-up of spills, drips, leachings and conduct regular inspections of relevant areas

When doing exterior cleaning or pressure washing, proper care should be taken to avoid discharge of

Use environmentally safe cleaning products

Use best storm-water runoff practices to ensure that wastewater does not enter local waterways