MINNEAPOLIS
THE MARQUETTE
HOTEL

WINDOWS on minnesota

Current Sustainability Practices and Initiatives

Roof Top Garden

- Vegetables and herbs are grown on our roof top container garden. The fresh produce is harvested and used in our restaurant, lounge, meeting rooms and ballrooms.

Roof Top Bee Hives

- The Marquette Hotel has three (3) roof top bee hives that are home to over 10,000 bees. The hotel harvests its own honey and proudly infuses it into many specialty menu items and cocktails.

Recycling

- Paper:
  - All back of the house areas, meeting spaces, and offices have containers for paper recycling
  - Computers are networked to local copiers to reduce ink consumption
  - Printers are defaulted to print double sided
  - One side copies are kept and reloaded into the printer for single sided copies
- Cardboard:
  - Several collection locations throughout the building capture cardboard from the kitchens, meetings, engineering, housekeeping, etc. The cardboard is bailed for recycling
- Styrofoam:
  - Styrofoam products are no longer used, all existing has been depleted
- Glass:
  - Glass is collected from back of the house areas and all meeting space for recycling. (Green, Brown, Clear)
- Plastics:
  - All back of the house areas, meeting spaces, and offices collect number 1, 2, & 3 plastics for recycling
- Metals:
  - Aluminum cans are collected in all back of the house areas for recycling.
  - Precious metals (Brass/Copper/Aluminum/Stainless/Bronze) are collected from several sources throughout the building and picked up for recycling

Waste Reduction

- Waste tracking and benchmarking allows the hotel to view progress of recycling initiatives and set goals for each year
- Biodegradable “to-go” containers are used in the food outlets to reduce the impact to landfills
- Corn based cups are used in meetings and banquet functions to reduce the impact on landfills
- Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, waste oil, are all recycled through our waste hauler provider
- Spent cooking oil is collected and recycled through in partnership with Evercat Fuels and it is repurposed into bio-diesel
- Furniture is sold to liquidators so that it can be reused for needing households and not into landfills.
- Old bed linens/towels are donated annually
- Half used toilet paper rolls from guest rooms are used in team member locker rooms/washrooms
- We collect and re-use metal hangers in our housekeeping department for team member uniforms
- Toner cartridges are returned to supplier for refilling/recycling

Food Waste – Composting Program

- Food scraps and kitchen food waste is kept separate from trash and collected in our kitchens. The food waste is later used and repurposed for pig feed for local pig farmers

Energy Conservation

- Energy tracking:
    - Computer software is used to track and monitor energy through meter reading. Allows engineering to view reports and compare usage to other Hilton properties. Alarms engineering about peak energy consumptions allowing operators to reduce/shed loads
- Lighting:
    - Checklists are used for the Banquet Captains and Banquet Managers to ensure lights are turned off in areas not in use
    - Compact Florescent light bulbs in guest rooms and back of the house areas.
    - Dimming systems are installed in all ballrooms to save energy
    - LED and Cold Cathode lighting test are being performed with several options being tested simultaneously for possible replacement to incandescent bulbs
- HVAC:
    - HVAC systems are installed with variable frequency drives (VFD) to save energy
    - High efficiency motors have been installed on all new fan systems to reduce energy consumption
    - A building automation system scheduled the HVAC systems to run only when there is a meeting scheduled to avoid unnecessary cooling/heating of a room to save energy
- Water:
    - Low flow showerheads are Hilton standard and conserve water.
    - Linen reuse program allow guest to reuse towels to conserve energy and reduce water consumption.

Team Member Motivation

- A committee of team members known as the Blue Energy Committee works to help educate team members on hotel sustainability initiatives and ways to conserve energy at the hotel and at home with monthly meetings and training topics. This committee also sets goals for the hotel and creates new initiatives for the hotel to participate in. This steering committee helps identify inefficiencies and opportunities for the hotel move toward more environmentally friendly practices.