



## Fairmont Hotels & Resorts' Green Partnership Program

In 1884, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts was founded on an enduring connection to the land and communities where we do business. In 1990, we proactively launched our industry-leading Green Partnership program, a comprehensive approach to reducing our impact on the environment. This commitment to minimizing our hotels' footprint on the planet is a key component of our operating philosophy, which is formalized in our Environmental Policy.

The Green Partnership allows Fairmont to meet and exceed guest expectations of operational sustainability and responsible tourism, because the environment isn't just something that's "out there"—it's where we live, work and play each day.

Fairmont's Green Partnership focuses on improvements in the areas of energy and water conservation, waste management, and innovative community outreach programs involving local groups and partnerships—please read below for this hotel's initiatives that operate under the Green Partnership program.

### **Leadership Through Innovative Programs**

**Eco-Meet:** Fairmont's Eco-Meet program offers planners the opportunity to minimize the ecological footprint of meetings and events through the reduction of waste and conservation of valuable resources. The program can be tailored to the individual needs of the client through four key components—Eco-Accommodation, Eco-Cuisine, Eco-Service and Eco-Programming.

### **At the Fairmont Washington DC we offer:**

- Go Green in the City Guides offering a list of activities, attractions, tours, and sustainable restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.
- Meetings that Matter – offer to contribute 10% of a groups room revenue to a charity of choice

- Bio-Dynamic Wines

**Carbon Management Program:** Fairmont has introduced an Energy and Carbon Management Program in support of our Climate Change Strategy, that allows us to monitor, track, and report on our progress toward achieving significant CO2 reductions at all of our locations worldwide. We also partner with like-minded companies who provide products and services that improve our operational efficiencies. These proactive steps will reduce carbon output and help mitigate the effects of global warming.

**Greening our Greens:** All Fairmont-managed golf courses are enrolled with Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuaries, an organization which sets guidelines for an international system of wildlife and environmental conservation. Through our participation, we have developed an extensive integrated management plan for ongoing improvements to our golf courses called “Greening Our Greens”. The program offers practical ways for our courses to make positive changes, while working toward the larger goal of achieving certification from Audubon International.

**Green Cuisine:** Fairmont is committed to purchasing local, organic, Fair Trade and sustainable food products wherever possible, including utilizing organic or biodynamic wines, local purveyors and on-site herb gardens.

**At the Fairmont Washington DC we offer:**

- Onsite herb garden – herbs from the garden are served in the Juniper restaurant.
- Organic and Locally Farmed Items
- Organic Cocktail Menu – organic vodkas and gins in lobby lounge

**Waste Management**

Paper, packaging and garbage are a reality of our lives, and of any business. Fairmont has consistently cut these side effects of our operations. While effective waste management comes with challenges, such as operating in communities without recycling facilities, we continue to reduce and divert waste and identify other eco-friendly opportunities.

**Initiatives at the Fairmont Washington DC include:**

- Hydrocarbon-powered dry cleaning machines – replaced the toxic chemical Perc with DF-2000 - an environmentally friendly product that does not produce toxic wastes or hazard
- Recycling – paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, batteries, grease and cardboard from the front and back of the house.
- Paperless hotel collateral – all hotel information available on the web to reduce paper consumption

**Energy and Water Conservation**

To conserve energy and cut greenhouse gas emissions, Fairmont has introduced compact

fluorescent light bulbs where possible. Most hotels now have water-efficient showerheads and tap aerators, and we continue to replace all toilets that have a flush capacity over 2 gallons (7.6 liters). Guests can do their part by choosing to participate in the towel and sheet exchange program offered at all Fairmont properties.

**The Fairmont Washington, D.C. energy and water conservation projects include:**

- Lighting motion sensors and dimmers installed in the meeting rooms and in administrative offices
- Renewable Energy - Pepco Energy Services supply over 3 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity generated from renewable resources
- Low-flow showerheads, sinks and toilets installed in all guestroom baths and public restrooms
- 100% Windpower provided by Renewable Choice Energy

**Partnerships and Affiliations**

Our affiliations highlight our commitment to the environment, and also help promote unique Fairmont eco-experiences. The growing number of partners and associations who share our vision include The World Heritage Alliance for Sustainable Tourism, WWF (Climate Savers Program), The International Tourism Partnership, The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (ENERGY STAR® program), The Hotel Association of Canada (Green Key Eco-Rating Program) and the National Geographic Society. Local projects are tailored to address environmental issues specific to the hotel's location, and showcase each Fairmont's unique environmental strengths and connection to their community.

**On a local level, The Fairmont Washington, D.C. partners include:**

- World Wildlife Fund replant the garden at St. Francis Middle School every Earth Day
- National Zoo - Panda Package includes a donation to the Giant Panda Conservation Fund
- Keys for the Homeless -have donated more than 1,500 lbs of recycled bath amenities and gently used bed linens to this local non-profit organization

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