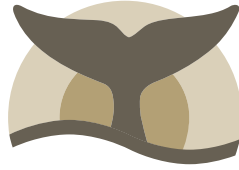


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PORTOLA HOTEL & SPA

AT MONTEREY BAY


CENTRAL CALIFORNIA'S FIRST LEED® CERTIFIED GREEN HOTEL



Proud Recipient of the
U.S. Green Building Council's
Silver LEED Certification
for Existing Buildings



The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry all working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy work and living spaces. The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Members of the U.S. Green Building Council represent all segments of the building industry developed LEED and continue to contribute to its evolution.

 THE PORTOLA HOTEL & SPA PURCHASED TWO YEAR'S WORTH OF CARBON OFFSETS. Based on annual consumption of electric kilowatts and therms of natural gas, this initiative offsets 2,035 metric tons of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to planting 36,440 fully mature trees, or not driving nine million miles in an average U.S. passenger car.

In January of 2011, after an intense renovation and tedious review, the Portola Hotel & Spa alongside their general contractor, Ausonio Inc., achieved Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Setting the bar for environmentally-conscious hotels in Central California and beyond, the Portola Hotel & Spa is now recognized as one of only three existing hotels in all of California and one of six existing hotels in the United States to earn this high-level of accreditation in the Existing Buildings (EB) category of the LEED Certification program.

“The green experience at Portola Hotel & Spa is reflective of our commitment to the environment and preserving our coast’s extraordinary natural beauty. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a LEED Certified property is that our guests let us know how much they appreciate the everyday sustainable practices that we carry-out. Achieving our Silver LEED Certification was an added testament to our passion and efforts to be an environmental leader not only in Central California, but across the state and country.”

**– Janine Chicourrat
General Manager, Portola Hotel & Spa**

As a part of their journey to attain Silver LEED-EB Certification, the Portola Hotel & Spa completed a variety of enhancements including a renovation of ALL guestrooms. The newly remodeled 379 guestrooms, including 10 suites, now feature *Green from Natūra* bath amenities, which are completely biodegradable, including all packaging; Green Label Plus carpet in all

guestrooms, certified by the Carpet & Rug Institute for low volatile organic compounds (VOC); low or no VOC paints; environmentally-friendly custom designed mattresses from local vendor Monterey Mattress Company; in-room ENERGY STAR appliances; low-flow water fixtures; and Forest Stewardship Council certified wood products. A comprehensive program intended to improve indoor air quality was also implemented.





ALL PORTOLA HOTEL & SPA STAFF NOW PARTICIPATE IN ONGOING TRAINING to ensure construction guidelines that limit VOC in paints, adhesives and sealants are consistently utilized in repairs and future renovations. The Portola Hotel & Spa also conducts rigorous inspections of the air-conditioning system through building retro-commissioning, as well as the utilization of enzyme-based laundry detergents for cleaning linens and towels. Additionally, the Portola Hotel & Spa is the first hotel in both Central and Northern California to employ the Lotus® Professional Cleaning System, which is 50 percent more powerful than bleach. Guest rooms are cleaned and disinfected with H₂O₃ ionized water instead of harsh chemicals.



Energy-efficient lighting upgrades were made throughout the entire property. Additional upgrades included: new carpet in Jacks Restaurant made from rapidly renewable and all-natural wool, latex and jute, making it 100 percent compostable; low or no VOC paints; wallpaper made with 20 percent

post-consumer recycled material; water-conserving faucet aerators in all public restrooms, reducing water consumption from 2.2 gallons per minute (gpm) to only 0.5 gpm; and sub-meters for landscaping to monitor how much water is being used and to more quickly identify leaks. The Portola Hotel & Spa's hot water needs are met with two natural gas fired co-generation micro-turbines that generate on-site electricity while simultaneously producing hot water. The Portola Hotel & Spa team is quite proud to now be the first property of its kind to allow visitors to offset their carbon footprint with Renewable Energy Credits, balancing out a single guest's stay or an entire conference.

As a result of a longstanding commitment by the hotel ownership, management and staff, numerous green initiatives were implemented, all with the overriding goal of reducing their environmental impact and carbon footprint. Most importantly, the entire team at the Portola Hotel & Spa is actively involved in their community, participating in the Adopt-A-Beach and Ag-Against Hunger programs, coastal clean-ups and numerous other community-based environmental events.



Green Initiatives at the Portola Hotel & Spa

- Active participant of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood WATCH® Program, designed to raise awareness about the importance of making ocean-friendly seafood choices
- Landscaping is comprised of native and drought-tolerant vegetation irrigated by drip and micro-mist watering systems connected to a rain-sensing smart controller
- Jacks Restaurant & Lounge and Peter B's Brewpub serve local, organic, sustainable cuisine and use Bio-Pak take-out containers and compostable cups
- Guest room baseboards are Forest Stewardship Council certified wood, guaranteeing that they are derived from sustainably managed forest
- All mattresses are hypo-allergenic and made with 100% organic cotton and recycled metal springs
- Reduction of water and energy consumption through an Ozone laundry system, which utilizes enzyme-based laundry detergents for cleaning linens and towels
- Jacks Restaurant carpet is 100% compostable, made from sheep wool and a backing of natural jute & latex, all of which are rapidly renewable materials
- All bathrooms throughout the property are equipped with low flow faucets, shower heads, toilets and urinals reducing indoor water consumption by 30%
- Boasts a green cleaning program that utilizes the H₂O₃ system to clean and disinfect guest rooms without any harsh chemicals
- *Green from Natūra* in-room amenity products and packages are made from rapidly renewable material and are bio-degradable
- Onsite hot water is produced with cogeneration micro-turbines that simultaneously generate 25% of the property's electrical needs
- By refining the brewing process for Peter B's Brewpub's craft beers, over 41,000 gallons of water per year is now being saved

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