



The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa is a proud advocate and leader in a variety of environmental sustainability practices.

**Property Certifications:**

- USGBC LEED EB+OM Certified property
- One Palm Designated property by the Florida Green Lodging Program
- Clean Marina Certification by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (pending final inspection)

**Guest Room Initiatives:**

- Towel & Linen Card - *Place this card on your bed in the morning for a fresh set of linens. Please leave towels to be washed on the floor or hang towels you wish to reuse on the rack. Your choices make a difference. Together we can preserve water, our most precious resource, and reduce chlorine and detergent use.*
- In-Room recycling
- Sensors in the HVAC system automatically turn off the air-conditioner when the sliding glass doors to the balconies are opened and restarts after the door is closed.
- High performance MERV 8 filters in guestroom HVAC system for better Indoor Air Quality
- Energy efficient & hurricane impact windows systems
- Water conserving commodes
- Low-flow shower heads
- Faucet aerators
- All linens, towels and soft goods are recycled at the end of its useful life
- E-menus on guestroom TV to reduce paper and waste
- Soft goods guestroom refurbishment:
  - Herman Miller Aeron desk chair: ergonomic design; 62% recycled material; 94% recyclable at end of life
  - Herman Miller Leaf desk lamp is made of 37% recycled material & utilizes LED (light emitting diode) technology. The Leaf personal light is 95% recyclable at the end of its useful life.
  - 1200 old mattress sets and sofa sleepers donated and shipped to Haiti
  - Carpeting is 100% recyclable at the end of its useful life
  - All new balcony furniture is 100% recyclable at the end of its useful life

**Public & Common Area Initiatives:**

- The original hotel's foundation from 1958 was REUSED as the foundation system for the lower level lagoon pool
- Infinity "Mineral" Pool: saline generator for the upper swimming pool to reduce the use of chlorine and the water feels softer and better on the skin
- High performance MERV 13 filters in larger HVAC systems for better Indoor Air Quality
- Energy efficient compact fluorescent lamps (squiggly light bulb) and T8 & T5 fluorescent lamps
- Automatic day lighting dimming controls for public spaces
- Programmable timers & sensors control air-conditioning in low-traffic and low occupancy areas
- Water conserving urinals & commodes with auto-flush mechanisms
- Water filtration systems for the pools, chilled water, hot water, cooling tower and fountains
- All front of house public spaces have live plants which reduce the carbon footprint
- Sidewalk sweeping instead of spraying with water
- Participate in Energard, a utility benchmarking program
- New Convention Center roof uses OlyBond 500 Green Insulation Adhesive, a renewable plant based formula adhesive with extremely low VOC properties

**Back-of-House Initiatives:**

- "Single Stream" recycling of corrugated cardboard, paper, aluminum, glass, plastic
- Cooking oil is recycled
- Outreach programs with approximately 45 vendors, suppliers and charities
- Banquet table clothes are recycled at the end of their useful life
- BEO's are emailed instead of faxing and photocopying
- The "Green Binder" lists all our Green initiatives to communicate with guests and staff.
- E-mail signature tag on all signatures – *Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail*
- Green Team representatives brief departments at monthly and pre-shift meetings on Green initiatives.

**Initiatives YOU can choose:**

- Eco-Friendly local attraction options provided to guests
- Meeting organizers are given the "Green" option to have carafes of water at each table instead of bottled water
- Paperless check-in/check-out

The Diplomat's Green initiatives are continuously being evaluated.

Please ask your Convention Service Manager for the latest efforts we are exploring to enhance our planet saving contributions.