

Pollution Prevention Program Fact Sheet

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Green Hospitality Program



Simply stated, pollution prevention (P2) is putting into practice the common sense idea that the best way to manage waste is to avoid generating it in the first place. The best way to mitigate pollution is to eliminate it at the source. Our Green Hospitality Program is a means by which you can receive technical assistance on ways to reduce pollution. This will save you money and will provide with you with an environmentally friendly image you can convey to your customers. The RI DEM Office of Customer and Technical Assistance (OCTA) uses the information you provide to us to calculate the amounts of greenhouse gases reduced, gallons of water saved, and units of electricity saved by practicing pollution prevention.

The Green Hospitality program is voluntary and is NOT a regulatory program. It can have positive impacts on your bottom line should you participate and work with our office. Even seemingly simple changes, such as using more environmentally friendly cleaning supplies or more energy efficient lighting and insulation, can have a long term positive impact on your place of business with benefits such as reductions in operating cost, improvements in workplace safety and health conditions, public image, and permitting costs.

The OCTA has worked with various lodging facilities, restaurants, transportation services, and other businesses in the hospitality sector to help them cut costs, improve practices and function, and leave progressively fewer environmental impacts in the process. Past participants include 23 lodging facilities (such as Hilton Providence, Bay Voyage Inn, Providence Biltmore, multiple Marriott and Holiday Inn locations), eight restaurants, and other hospitality locations including The Dunkin Donuts Center and the Rhode Island Convention Center. You can find a full listing of program participants and programs on our website <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/assist/grncert/>.

Below are a few of our past certified locations and the annual energy and cost savings calculated utilizing the Green Lodging Calculator from the Northeast Waste Management Official's Association and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) P2 Greenhouse Gas Calculators.

Activities that resulted in cost savings and a reduction in pollution were calculated from activities such as installation of CPLs, LEDs, ozone washers, Energy Star appliances, low flow showers and faucet heads, and low flow toilets.

HOTEL & Year Certified	Water Saved Annually (gallons)	BTUs saved annually	kWh saved annually	Annual energy savings (dollars)	Metric Tons of CO2 reduced for water saved
Hilton Providence (2013)	1,943,030.77	779,898,637.19	86,387.36	\$20,207.47	4.995
Crowne Plaza Warwick (2014)	2,085,891.29	1,017,464,417.52	64,926.62	\$21,079.43	5.362
Newport Marriot (2012)	1,800,730.93	639,904,549.64	252,526.71	\$35,137.10	4.629
Radisson Hotel Providence	787,140.20	315,944,338.42	1,071,694.07	\$111,856.01	2.203

Please contact **Ann Battersby** of the Office of Customer and Technical Assistance for any questions you may have regarding this Program. We look forward to working with you!

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