



The Fairmont Winnipeg is Green All Over 75,000 Pounds Recycled or Diverted from Landfills

With some simple planning and a team dedicated to making their hotel and their environment a better place, The Fairmont Winnipeg has diverted tonnes of material from local landfills over the past three years.

Patty Anne LePage, Environmental Champion at The Fairmont Winnipeg proudly reports that in 2001, the hotel diverted nearly 75 tonnes through the following initiatives:

- *Donations of used linens and amenities to local shelters-1,984 pounds
- *Participation in Meal Share through Winnipeg Harvest-over 2,000 pounds
- *Donations and sales of old furniture and fixtures.
- *Enhanced recycling programs including rechargeable batteries.

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts hotel management company has developed a 16-point environmental action plan that is recognized as the most comprehensive in the North American hotel industry. Detailed audits of each hotel identified supplies and energy used, waste reduction and recycling programs, and perhaps most importantly, employee attitudes towards environmental reform. Each company employee has opportunity to supply suggestions on the greening of their workplace.

The Green Team at The Fairmont Winnipeg is a group 11 volunteers from all departments of the hotel that meets once a month to discuss new ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Each member is responsible for their department's goals. In 2000, they saved over 216 pieces of paper per employee or 62, 464 in total.

The Fairmont Winnipeg also uses low flow toilets, guest directed room cleaning that includes a choice of whether a guest wants fresh towels or new linens every day. Every guest and meeting room includes blue boxes, a standard for the last five years at The Fairmont Winnipeg.

In 2001, The Green Team introduced Eco-Meet, an environmentally sensitive alternative to regular meetings which involves white boards instead of flip charts, specially designed menus with emphasis on a variety of foods, reusable mugs, etc.

All employees at The Fairmont Winnipeg look for new ways to reduce, reuse and recycle everyday. A goal in 2002 is to enhance the recycling program to include evaluating and adjusting purchasing methods and participation in community efforts such as the semi annual Highway Cleanups on their adopted 8 km of Hwy 1.

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