

Recycling and Composting Case Study

MEDIUM HOTEL

Hotel Monaco - Kimpton

501 Geary Street, San Francisco

- Scope: Recycling and composting for 201 room hotel
- Diversions: 80%
- Highlights: No disposables in cafeteria, eliminated bottled water, bellman communicates to each arriving guest about recycling program



Elements of Success

What are your motivations?

- Financial savings
- Conservation and recycling are part of our corporate culture

What are some other sustainable elements?

- Toiletries, linen and bedding are donated
- Water and energy conservation are considered in all business practice
- Green Seal Certified
- CORY award winner 2006

How could your program improve?

- Implement recycling and compost collection in employee break rooms
- Continue to foster participation through employee education

Best Practices

- In-room recycling
- Recology sales staff regularly offer solutions, training, and signs
- Green Seal certification ensures friendly competition and sustainability through monthly audit program
- Green Team comprised of department heads meets regularly for continual improvement
- Dedicated staff to sort internally from garbage to recycling and composting
- Clear bags allow houseman to easily determine what needs to be sorted
- Ongoing language-specific trainings

Results

- **80% diversion from landfill**
- **Annual savings: \$120,000**



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