

Recycling and Composting Case Study

LARGE HOTEL

Hotel Nikko

222 Mason Street, San Francisco

- Scope: Recycling and composting for 533 room hotel
- Diversion: 75%
- Highlights: Restroom paper towel composting, Line staff attend daily morning education meeting



Elements of Success

What are your motivations?

- Financial savings
- It's the right thing to do
- Wanted to start before it became mandatory
- Buy-in from upper management
- Recology made it easy to start
- It makes sense along with energy and water conservation
- When guests comply, in-room recycling makes less work for housekeeping staff

What are the benefits?

- Everyone feels 'ownership' and embraces participation
- Contributes to overall efficiency and associated decrease in energy costs

Certifications

- EnergyStar rated since 2004

Best Practices

- In-room recycling with signs
- In-house dock steward makes sure materials go in the right place
- Signs alert everyone of what goes where

Results

- **75% diversion from landfill**
- **Annual savings: \$108,000**



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