



## A GREENER VACATION

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An Environmental Checklist for Resort Operations on the Inyo National Forest

Green and  
Getting Greener!

This list was compiled to help resort owners learn about ways to reduce their impact on the environment. Along with important environmental questions are online links to information about how resorts can make changes, find materials and purchase products that reduce their environmental footprint. Although not required by resorts, this voluntary summary of practical improvements encourages resorts to adopt cost-saving green practices that reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

As a conservation agency, the Forest Service recognizes the importance of providing environmentally sustainable recreation opportunities and strongly encourages your business to design your operations with these green practices in mind. Reduction in energy consumption not only lessens the impacts to the environment, it also increases performance, improves the bottom line, and can be used as an effective marketing tool. A study conducted by the Travel Industry Association of America reports that nearly three quarters of all travelers claim it is important to them that their visits not damage the environment. In addition, one in every three travelers say they are influenced by the actions travel companies take to protect the environment and/or sustain local culture. Find out more about the growing trend in [\*Geotourism: The New Trend in Travel\*](http://www.tia.org/travel/geo03_es.PDF) @ [http://www.tia.org/travel/geo03\\_es.PDF](http://www.tia.org/travel/geo03_es.PDF)

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## Infrastructure

- Vehicle Wash Pads
  - Is dirty wash water being managed/processed through a wastewater treatment system?
  
- Building Materials
  - Are we purchasing building materials with high recycled content and environmentally friendly components?
    - [EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines](http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm)  
<http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>  
This is EPA's list of designated products and the accompanying recycled-content recommendations.
  
    - [California Integrated Waste Management Board, Building Materials](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/reuse/Links/Building.htm)  
<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/reuse/Links/Building.htm>
  
    - U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy Building Toolbox
      - [Green Framework](#)
      - [Efficient Fixtures and Appliances](#)
      - [Insulation Levels](#)
      - [Passive Solar](#)
      - [Renewable Energy](#)
      - [Zero-Energy Buildings](#)
      - [Day lighting](#)
  
- Paints
  - Are our paints and other finishes environmentally friendly?  
Find Non-Toxic alternatives by visiting this helpful website:  
[http://www.eartheasy.com/live\\_nontoxic\\_paints.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_paints.htm)

## Environmental Education

- Leave No Trace / Tread Lightly
  - Are guests and employees being taught and encouraged to use low impact / sustainable recreational practices?
    - [Tread Lightly](http://www.treadlightly.org/) <http://www.treadlightly.org/>
    - [Leave No Trace Outfitting/Guide Partnership](http://www.lnt.org/partnership/guide-outfitter.html)  
<http://www.lnt.org/partnership/guide-outfitter.html>

## Materials and Procurement

- Biodegradable, Recyclable, Locally-/Regionally-produced Organic Supplies & Merchandise
  - Office Supplies and Equipment
    - [The Green Office](http://www.thegreenoffice.com/) <http://www.thegreenoffice.com/>
    - [Green Earth Office Supply](http://greenearthofficesupply.stores.yahoo.net/) <http://greenearthofficesupply.stores.yahoo.net/>
  - Cleaning Products
    - [Green Seal](http://www.greenseal.org/) <http://www.greenseal.org/>
    - [Green Janitorial Products and Services](http://www.ofee.gov/gp/greenjanitorial.html) <http://www.ofee.gov/gp/greenjanitorial.html>
    - [Simple Green](http://www.simplegreen.com/) <http://www.simplegreen.com/>
    - [Seventh Generation](http://www.seventhgeneration.com/) <http://www.seventhgeneration.com/>
    - United Natural Foods West Inc. Rocklin, CA 1-800-679-8735
      - Orders can be placed at Mono Market, Lee Vining, CA (760)647-1010
  - Paper Goods (napkins, towels, toilet paper, takeout containers, etc.)
    - [Green Line Paper Company](http://www.greenlinepaper.com/) <http://www.greenlinepaper.com/>
    - [Eco Products](http://www.ecoproducts.com/) <http://www.ecoproducts.com/>
    - Manor Market, Bishop, CA (760)873-4296
    - United Natural Foods West Inc. Rocklin, CA 1-800-679-8735
      - Orders can be placed at Mono Market, Lee Vining, CA (760)647-1010
  - Organic, Fair-Trade Coffee and Produce *Fair Trade Certification empowers farmers and farm workers to lift themselves out of poverty by investing in their farms and communities, protecting the environment, and developing the business skills (<http://www.transfairusa.org/>)*
    - Manor Market, Bishop, CA (760)873-4296
    - Holmes Health Haven, (760)872-5571
    - United Natural Foods West Inc. Rockland, CA 1-800-679-8735
  - Organic, free-range meats and dairy products
    - Manor Market, Bishop, CA (760)873-4296
    - United Natural Foods West Inc. Rockland, CA 1-800-679-8735
  - Environmentally friendly seafood selections
    - Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Program
      - [www.seafoodwatch.org](http://www.seafoodwatch.org)
    - Manor Market, Bishop, CA (760)873-4296
      - Wild Cut Salmon on Thursday's and Sushi on Friday's

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- Organic fruits and vegetables
  - [Apple Hill Farms Wilkerson, CA \(760\)937-0413](#)
  - [Mono Lake Produce Company](#)
  - [Swab's High Sierra Farms](#)
  - [Mono Market, Lee Vining, CA \(760\)647-1010](#)
    - [United Natural Foods](#)
  - [Bishop-Eastern Sierra Farmers' Market](#)
    - [Tri-County Fairgrounds, near main entrance Bishop, CA 93514](#)
    - [\(July-October\)](#)  
[Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon](#)
  - [Apple Hill Grower Association \(530\) 644-7692](#)
    - <http://www.applehill.com/site/growers.html>
  - [Manor Market, Bishop, CA \(760\)873-4296](#)
- Organic wines
  - [Manor Market, Bishop, CA \(760\)873-4296](#)

## Energy and Water use

- [Energy Star Product Store Locator](#)
  - [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=store.store\\_locator](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=store.store_locator)

### Alternative Energy Sources

- Is solar or wind generated power being used where possible?
  - [California Energy Commission](#)  
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/>
  - [Southern California Edison Renewable Energy](#)  
<http://www.sce.com/PowerandEnvironment/renewables/>
  - [Self Generation Program](#)
    - <http://www.sce.com/RebatesandSavings/SelfGenerationIncentiveProgram/>

### Efficient Lighting

- Are energy-efficient light bulbs being used?
  - [Solar Powered Security Lighting](#)  
<http://www.sportsimports ltd.com/ousoseli.html>
  - [Solatube Day lighting](#) <http://www.solatube.com/commercial/education.php>
  - [Compact Florescent Light Bulbs](#)
    - [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr\\_cfls](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls)
- Are older light bulbs being processed for heavy metals prior to recycling?
  - [CFL Disposal](#)
    - [http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change\\_light/downloads/Fact\\_Sheet\\_Mercury.pdf](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf)

- Energy Star Appliances and electronics
  - [Energy Efficient Vending Machines and Upgrades](http://www.usatech.com/energy_management/index.php)  
[http://www.usatech.com/energy\\_management/index.php](http://www.usatech.com/energy_management/index.php)
  - [Energy Star](http://www.energystar.gov/)  
<http://www.energystar.gov/>
  
- “Lights Out” when not in use education for guests and employees
  - [Flex your power, Commercial and Small Business](http://www.fypower.org/)  
<http://www.fypower.org/>  
<http://www.fypower.org/com/>
  
- Double-pane Energy Star rated windows
  - [Energy Star](http://www.energystar.gov/)  
<http://www.energystar.gov/>
  
- Water conservation devices
  - [Vendors and Manufacturers of Water Conservation Devices](http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf)  
<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf>
  
  - Low-flow toilets
    - [EPA Waste Water Technology Fact Sheet, High Efficiency Toilets](http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf)  
<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf>
  
  - Low-flow shower heads
    - [Flex-Your-Power, Showerheads](http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf)  
<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf>
  
  - Low-flow faucets
    - [Flex-Your-Power, Faucets](http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf)  
<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37323.pdf>
  
- Water conservation education for guests and employees
  - Keep same towels and bed linens longer
  - Landscape watering during proper time-of-day
  - Xeriscape property where possible
    - Contact your permit administrator for the following two lists.
      - [Local Seeds](#)
      - [Plant Sources](#)
  
    - [California Xeriscape Foundation](http://www.envirolink.org/resource.html?itemid=844&catid=5)  
<http://www.envirolink.org/resource.html?itemid=844&catid=5>
  
    - [Growing Native](http://www.growingnative.com/articles/drought.htm)  
<http://www.growingnative.com/articles/drought.htm>

Laundry Operations

- Guest linens and employee uniforms washed with oxygenated bleach and natural detergents?
  - [United Natural Foods West Inc. Rocklin, CA 1-800-679-8735](#)
    - Orders can be placed at Mono Market, Lee Vining, CA (760)647-1010

## **Land Management**

Trail Erosion Control

- Stock animals are fitted with mesh feedbags or muzzles to discourage erosion due to trailside grazing on native plants and flowers.
  - [Country Supply](#)  
[http://www.horse.com/products/gift-0\\_sku-BSE12.html](http://www.horse.com/products/gift-0_sku-BSE12.html)
- Trails are clearly marked and maintained to minimize off-trail travel.

Noxious Weed Control

- Stock animals are fed with certified weed-free hay.
  - [8-mile Ranch, Independence, CA \(760\) 878-2207](#)
- Guest and employees are encouraged to identify and report invasive plants in remote areas.
  - [Contact your local permit administrator for an updated list of invasive or noxious weeds](#)
  - [Cheatgrass Flyer](#)

## **Fuel Management/ Air Pollution**

Public transit available

- Regional
  - [Inyo Mono Transit Schedule 1-800-872-1901](#)  
[http://www.inyocounty.us/transit/bishop\\_lonepine.htm](http://www.inyocounty.us/transit/bishop_lonepine.htm)
  - [YARTS, Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System](#)  
1-877-989-2787  
[http://www.inyocounty.us/transit/bishop\\_lonepine.htm](http://www.inyocounty.us/transit/bishop_lonepine.htm)
- Mammoth Local
  - [Mammoth Lakes Area Shuttle](#)  
<http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/trolley/Trolley%20Flyer.pdf>
  - [Dial-a-ride 1-800-922-1930](#)

Biodiesel, hybrid vehicles used where possible

- Biodiesel National Website  
[Biodiesel.org](#)



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- Ethanol available where possible
- Equipment converted from two-stroke to four-stroke where possible
  - June Lake Marina is a certified 4-stroke Honda and Evinrude dealer and mechanic (Sales and Service)
- Double walled fuel tanks where possible and perform leak tests regularly
  - United Industries Group  
<http://www.unitedind.com/011.htm>  
P.O. Box 8009  
Newport Beach, CA 92658  
Tel: (949) 759-3200  
Fax: (949) 759-3425  
Email: [info@unitedind.com](mailto:info@unitedind.com)
  - Containment Technology Inc.  
<http://www.containmenttechnology.com/doublewall.html>  
7400 East Slauson Ave., Unit 1  
Commerce, California 90040-3308  
Tel: 323-726-9812  
Fax: 323-726-9815
- Establish a comprehensive Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan for handling fuel spills
- As opposed to aerosol, use bulk pressurized refillable spray cans for vehicle lubricants.
- As opposed to aerosol, use pump spray dispensers for cooking oils, personal care products, and insect repellents.

## Recycling and Waste Reduction

- Minimize purchasing and use of toxic chemicals in cleaning and maintenance products
  - Use propylene glycol antifreeze instead of ethylene glycol
  - Use synthetic motor oils
  - Use renewable and reusable corncob floor dry sweep for minor spills
    - [Ani Safety and Supply](#)
      - <http://www.anisafety.com/index.aspx?Command=GroupInfo&GroupID=1158447926>
- Make recycling easy and encouraged for guests and employees
  - [Sierra Conservation Project](#) <http://www.recyclesierra.com/>
- Distribute guest products in a manner that minimizes waste materials
  - Use bulk dispensers for soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion

- United Natural Foods West Inc. Rocklin, CA 1-800-679-8735
  - Orders can be placed at Mono Market, Lee Vining, CA (760)647-1010
- Use only recyclable food and beverage paper products
  - [SpudWare](http://www.excellentpackaging.com/pages/1/SpudWare.pdf) <http://www.excellentpackaging.com/pages/1/SpudWare.pdf>
  - [Compostable cutlery](http://www.nat-ur.com/) <http://www.nat-ur.com/>
  - [Cereplast](http://www.cereplast.com/) <http://www.cereplast.com/>
- Minimize printed materials; use recycled paper; use soy-based printing ink
- Order foods, beverages, condiments in bulk quantities to minimize packaging waste
  - United Natural Foods West Inc. Rocklin, CA 1-800-679-8735
    - Orders can be placed at Mono Market, Lee Vining, CA (760)647-1010

## **Other Related Resources**

- [High Sierra Energy Foundation \(Executive Director, Rick Phelps, phelps@highsierraenergy.org\)](mailto:phelps@highsierraenergy.org)
  - [Mammoth Energy Smart, Mammoth's Energy Efficient Building Guide](#)
- [Eastern Sierra Utility Providers](#)
  - [Los Angeles Department of Water and Power \(LADWP\)](#)
  - [Southern California Edison \(SCE\)](#)
- [California's Green Lodging program.](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/EPP/GreenLodging/)  
<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/EPP/GreenLodging/>
- [Grants and Loans](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Grants/)  
<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Grants/>
- [Environmental Enrichment for the Lodging Industry: A Toolkit](#)
  - Environmental Protection Agency/Purdue University
- [Audubon Green Leaf™ Eco-Rating Program](http://www.terrachoice.ca/hotelwebsite/indexcanada.htm)  
<http://www.terrachoice.ca/hotelwebsite/indexcanada.htm>