



Our Commitment to Environmental Responsibility

Our Goal: To become the “greenest” Resort in Ontario

At Hockley Valley Resort, we are committed to implementing “green” initiatives that assist in reducing our carbon footprint. We take pride in being environmentally responsible and consider the impact on the environment in all of our decisions. Our goal to become the “greenest” resort in Ontario is demonstrated through the implementation of programs and services that enable us to reduce, reuse, and recycle throughout the entire property.

Below is a list of the “green” initiatives we have in place:



Compost program that diverts 70 tonnes of waste from landfills and turns it into reusable compost.



First year-round Resort in Ontario to be part of the Enernoc program. This program allows the Resort to shed power from the grid during peak hours by internally practicing power reduction/saving programs.



Stream/River water testing commissioned by the Resort, and executed by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to help maintain clean streams and waterways throughout our property.



With a commitment to future innovations in alternative power sources, we have embarked on solar energy research programs with future permit approvals already in place for solar energy installations.



We work with local farmers and producers to source locally grown ingredients. With the installation of vegetable gardens on-site, we will yield 60-70% of our produce for all of our restaurants on-site in the 2011 season.



Implementation of a Sunday Farmer’s Market, now in its second year, supporting local farmers and producers and educating area residents and visitors on the benefits of organic foods without pesticides.



Installation of the GOSLYN™ system that separates fat, oil and grease and diverts 99.6% from going into septic systems resulting in a bi-product that can be recycled for use in the bio-diesel industry.



Introduction of a water, H-Two-O bottling system that enables us to bottle our own filtered water on-site virtually eliminating the use of plastic water bottles for our restaurant and resort guests.



Take-out food outlets use only biodegradable packaging (food containers, lids, cups and cutlery), bulk condiments and a waste management system that sorts items into separate bins for recycling.



We use environmentally-friendly Cascades® 100% recycled, and EcoLogo™ certified paper towel, tissue, toilet paper, and napkin products thereby saving 21,367 kgs of waste paper, 74,873 liters of water, 32 cubic meters of landfill space, 43,802 kilowatts of energy, 897 liters of oil, 641 kilograms of air pollutants and 182 trees annually.



Ground source heat and cooling system that supplies our common space areas of the hotel with air conditioning and heat.











We serve exclusively Sense Appeal, fair-trade organic, locally roasted coffee including chemical free “Swiss Water” decaffeinated coffee.



In-room programs include energy-saving lighting, recycling bins for paper and food/beverage containers and optional daily towel and sheet laundering.



-  Full-service restaurants offer reusable china, and cloth napkins.
-  All meeting rooms include energy-saving lighting, recycling bins and water and juices served in glass jugs with reusable glasses – no plastic water bottles.
-  Initiation of no idle zones to reduce car/truck/bus emissions.
-  Low energy lighting in our parking lot, and throughout the resort in public areas and guest rooms.
-  Designated parking for Hybrid vehicles.
-  We use organic guest room amenities, minimal fragrance and preservatives and packaging is biodegradable. By June 2011 packaging will be 100% biodegradable. All paper packaging used for the hand and bath soap is made with post consumer paper, is recyclable and all inks are vegetable-based. All soaps are gentle formulations and vegetable based
-  Eco-friendly pens made from Kraft recycled paper throughout the Resort.
-  We have implemented an energy-savings plan to begin replacing old heating and cooling systems with high-efficiency systems, converting electric systems to natural gas along the way.
 - Beginning this process with replacing energy consuming units operating at 50% efficiency to High Efficiency systems now operating at 95% efficiency.
 - Approximately 50% of the Resort guest rooms' heating cooling systems will be changed this year from high-energy consuming units to high efficiency units.
 - This year we have replaced three boiler units that were running at 45% efficiency with high-efficiency units now running at 95% efficiency,