

Environmental Stewardship at Willows Lodge

At Willows Lodge nature is an amenity. With that in mind, we take pride in our environmental initiatives both inside and in the surrounding gardens.

Here is a representative sampling of the strategies in place at Willows Lodge to not just protect the environment today but to enhance it for generations to come.

Gardens:

- Upgrade 14 of 41 irrigation zones to drip and low volume spray heads
- Implement sustainable nutrient cycling to keep bio-mass from gardens cycling through mulch and compost returned to garden beds
- Follow an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) protocol to reduce chemical intervention in pest management
- Installation of a rain-garden and bio-swales to slow run-off and protect local rivers and the Salish Sea
- Manage the 425 trees on site following urban forestry protocols
- Use King County's natural lawn management protocol to maintain 12000 sf of lawns on site
- Maintain an active internship program with local technical and community colleges to share our sustainable landscape management strategies with avid gardeners-to-be
- Use of 12v lighting systems to reduce night sky lighting impact and enhance the aesthetic threshold for our guest experience

Kitchen:

- Send bio-degradable kitchen debris to Cedar Grove for composting
- Sell used kitchen oils to local biodiesel producers
- Buy and serve locally produced produce, meats and fish

Housekeeping:

- Use environmentally safe cleaning products
- Recycle used towels and sheets through local animal shelters & veterinarians
- Recycle recyclables with Waste Management to reduce landfill impact
- Retro-fitting indoor lighting to energy efficient bulbs
- In house laundry uses less water and energy

Management:

- Use a people, planet, profit protocol in decision making process
- Putting our employees first during the economic down-turn has kept our staff tight knit and ready to meet challenges in the changing economy
- Maintain a 5-Star rating with the King County EnviroStars Program
- Continuing to offer the finest guest experience in the most beautiful surroundings continues to set Willows Lodge apart in the local hospitality industry