

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Willows Lodge – Where Nature is an Amenity

The Willows Lodge landscape is managed with sustainable practices, which embrace cooperation with nature and respect for the integrity of the local environment and community.

Sustainable landscape practices in place include:

- An in-house nutrient cycling system that captures landscape debris through composting for return to the ground. This includes 4 traditional bins and a state-of-the-art in-vessel composter, the Earth Tub, that changes restaurant green waste into food for landscape plants.
- Integrated Pest Management using monitoring and action protocols to reduce pesticide use and improve cultural practices.
- An innovative, computerized, 2-wire, Tucor irrigation system which allows a high degree of flexibility in water use.
- The use of 30% native plants in the landscape to maintain an integrated presence with the local flora and fauna.
- A highly successful mitigation planting of native material along the Sammamish River to protect the salmon runs that use the river and a cooperative effort with the Sammamish River Stewards to continue on-going care of the river for future generations.
- Cooperation with local government to reduce toxic waste and divert debris that would end up in landfills.
- Cooperation with the state extension service to test and improve composting practices for the benefit of the greater community.

Awards:

Willows Lodge was awarded the highest 5-Star EnviroStar rating by King County in 2005 for our sustainable landscape practices.

We are truly an unusual commercial facility!

Willows Lodge, a Northwest style romantic lodge located in Woodinville Wine Country just outside of Seattle, features 84 luxury guestrooms, a full service spa and high-tech equipped meeting space. Executive Chef Bobby Moore's country fresh cuisine at Barking Frog reflects the seasonal and organic produce found in Puget Sound, and is artfully paired with an extensive list of Washington wines. Willows Lodge also boasts the Fireside Cellars, offering a casual and sophisticated atmosphere tucked away in the lobby with an outdoor patio overlooking the expansive surrounding landscape. Willows Lodge was selected by *Travel + Leisure* as one of the World's Best Hotels, as well as one of the 50 Most Romantic Getaways.