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Greeninitiatives

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa is a proud participant of various **Green Initiatives**, or as we like to call them, **Greeninitiatives**. This page describes some of the elements and practices that help the Resort tread lightly on the natural environment, embrace energy conservation and reduce waste.

TPC San Antonio Golf Courses

- The 36-hole PGA TOUR golf facility will be certified by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.
- The courses are designed for water conservation, featuring a closed loop system that will catch water run-off for use back onto the courses.

Preservation of Native Landscape

- All trees on the golf course and Resort property are numbered and tagged during the construction phase, to ensure all will be accounted for and as many saved as possible.
- 100 acres north of the golf courses will be a bird sanctuary for the endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler and other native bird species. Hiking and biking trails will allow guests to enjoy the native landscape and wildlife.

Resort Construction

- The Resort's interior walls are supported by recycled steel studs rather than the traditional wooden studs. For each ton of steel recycled, 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 pounds of coal, and 40 pounds of limestone are saved.
- The Resort will utilize all low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint, glue and other products.

Fixtures and Amenities

- The heating and cooling system in all rooms will feature a "smart system" that will recognize when doors to the balcony are open and automatically shut down to conserve energy.
- Low-flow showerheads will be installed in all guest baths. Low-flow is commonly defined as having a water consumption rate of 0.5 to 2 gallons per minute (gpm).
- Low-flow toilets will be used in all the bathrooms. Approximately 1.6 gallons per flush will be used versus the 7 gallons used by traditional toilets.
- Energy Star qualified Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs will be used throughout the Resort. CFLs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

Resort Practices

- The linen program will give guests the option to have their linens changed every third day instead of every day, saving water resources and reducing the use of detergents.
- To reduce the environmental impact of large group meetings held there, the Resort will use products and services such as:
 - 100-percent post-consumer fiber writing pads;
 - New biodegradable pens made from recycled content;
 - Meeting rooms set with water service in pitchers rather than plastic bottles;
 - Boxed-lunch containers made of recycled material, including biodegradable cutlery kits;
 - Access to recycling containers in or near meeting rooms.