

# Hotels & Lodging Properties

Standard: GS-33 Edition 5.3



## GREEN SEAL CERTIFICATION MEANS HEALTHIER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE

A certified hotel ensures a property meets the highest benchmark for human and environmental health and employs more sustainable practices. Certified lodging properties meet requirements for waste minimization, natural resource conservation and management, sustainable purchasing, and pollution prevention to ensure a more sustainable, cleaner, healthier property for hotel guests and staff.

## LODGING OPERATION PERFORMANCE

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| <br><b>VERIFICATION</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quality assurance</b> practices and record</li> <li>• <b>Environmental</b> impact practices and record</li> <li>• <b>Regulatory</b> compliance practices and record</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validation from a respected, independent authority that your lodging property complies with all required practices and procedures.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <br><b>CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recycling</b> practices, procedures, and records</li> <li>• <b>Energy</b> usage and management               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Efficient lighting</li> <li>- Preventative maintenance for appliances and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Food service</b> management procedures for all disposable items and leftover food</li> <li>• <b>Water usage and management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shower heads, toilets, faucets, and aerators are water-efficient or meet low-flow rates</li> <li>- Efficient and effective washing practices and procedures for washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>SILVER LEVEL &amp; GOLD LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Composting</b> program including sorting containers in all areas where compostable waste is collected and stored</li> <li>• <b>Minimizes water use</b> for groundskeeping on hard surfaces</li> <li>• <b>Refillable amenity</b> program for in-room consumables</li> <li>• <b>Occupancy sensors</b> for climate and lighting control in low traffic areas</li> </ul> <p><b>GOLD LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continual improvement</b> plan and procedures</li> <li>• <b>Tracking resource consumption</b> for energy, waste, and water, including benchmarking metrics for continuous improvement and using renewable energy</li> <li>• <b>Offset and reduce greenhouse gases</b></li> <li>• <b>Green cleaning practices and procedures</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced environmental impact of your lodging property.</li> <li>• Notable reductions in energy use and waste generation, including food and water waste.</li> <li>• Reduced overall environmental impact of your lodging property.</li> <li>• Notable reductions in waste generation.</li> <li>• Minimal food, energy, and water waste.</li> <li>• Reduced overall environmental impact of your lodging property, including minimal food, energy, and water waste.</li> <li>• Cleaning staff or service is trained in the safe and effective handling and use of all cleaning products and equipment, and all procedures needed to conform to GS-42, the Green Seal Environmental Standard for Cleaning Services.</li> </ul> |
| <br><b>CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Safer chemical</b> storage and mixing</li> </ul> <p><b>SILVER LEVEL &amp; GOLD LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minimizes hazardous substances</b> throughout the property, replaces them with safer substitutes, and maintains on-site inventory</li> <li>• <b>Tracking and reporting</b> of all integrated pest management techniques</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced risk of chemical exposure.</li> <li>• Reduced risk of chemical exposure.</li> <li>• Minimal inventory of harmful substances.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <br><b>SAFER &amp; MORE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cleaning and paper products</b> usage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is environmentally preferable</li> <li>- Minimizes packaging waste</li> <li>- Uses energy efficient models</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Appliances and furniture meet quality standards</li> </ul> <p><b>SILVER LEVEL &amp; GOLD LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paint</b> usage and disposal are environmentally preferable</li> <li>• <b>Dishwashing detergents</b> are environmentally preferable or biodegradable</li> <li>• <b>Service providers</b> are environmentally responsible</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced environmental impact from purchases throughout the lodging property.</li> <li>• Reduced environmental impact from products and services used throughout the lodging property.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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