



DIGBY PINES

Golf Resort and Spa

Mission Statement

“We are dedicated to providing a unique and memorable experience for our guests, co-workers, owners and the community; while promoting and encouraging environmentally friendly practices.”

It is our mandate at Digby Pines to be Environmentally Conscience and to institute and maintain practices that focus on being environmentally responsible.

Digby Pines Environmentally Friendly Practices

2006 - Digby Pines Green Team begins working closely with Bay of Fundy Recommended Experiences and The Dalhousie Eco Efficiency Center to audit, monitor and make suggestions on best practices to be adopted by our property.

2006 - A water quality test on Holdsworth Brook on Digby Pines Golf Course covers water quality, Ph, and the leaching of fertilizers. All results returned well below an acceptable limit that is set by 6th edition of the Canadian Water Drinking Standards.

2006/2007 - Pine needles are collected and placed on our walking trails to control weeds, eliminating the need to spray in those areas. Where spraying is required to control weeds, Eco Clear is used instead of Round Up.

Historically - The majority of foods in our restaurants are made from scratch on premise and purchased in bulk; therefore reducing amounts of preservatives, processed foods and packaging used.

2006- Paperless registration system instituted and emailed reservation confirmations reduces paper consumption. Offices print on both sides of paper prior to recycling used paper.

2007- Commitment is made to cease purchasing incandescent bulbs at the resort. \$7000.00 of energy efficient bulbs (LED, Cold Cathode, and Compact Fluorescent) is purchased for public areas. Bulbs in guest rooms are replaced on a go forward basis.

2007- In excess of 60,000 lbs. of compost is collected at the resort in a 6-month period and diverted from landfills.

2007 -A 30% reduction in pool chemicals was achieved while maintaining sanitation, through stabilizing and more careful monitoring. The temperature was also reduced by 2-3 degrees compared to years past.

2007-A One-liter water bottle is placed in each toilet tank in the Main Resort Building and Cottages, contributing to an estimated 30,000 gallons of treated water saved. Low flow showerheads are installed in Main Resort Building.

2007 - Seven new maple trees are planted at the resort as part of our cut a tree, plant a tree philosophy.

2007 - Leaves, grass clippings and wood chips are collected and stored to be used as mulch on some of the trail gardens and at Digby Pines Golf Course. Pine needles are also used in gardens that require a high acidic content as mulch. To reduce the amount of chemical fertilizer used, all gardens are enriched with rotted mink manure prior to planting.

2007- Signed short leases on fleet vehicles with plan to go to hybrids when product is developed to suit needs. (I.e. mini vans and single cab trucks)

2007 - As part of our efforts to involve the local community The Digby Pines Green Team had the following events:

- 1) Beach clean up on earth day (after all we are Canada's Ocean Playground!). 16 large bags of garbage and countless tires, ropes and large items were recovered.
- 2) Challenged the community via an e-blast to help clean Digby (October 9th 2007)
- 3) Canada Day celebrations included hiring a horse drawn wagon to bring Digby Residents to and from the Resort.
- 4) Digby Pines Green Team enter a float in the local Scallop Days parade to draw awareness to global warming – The float boasts a 5 foot high melting iceberg. Flyers on our green efforts are distributed and garbage from patrons viewing the parade is collected and separated.

2007 – Heavy concentration on waste separation at the resort, ensuring that all departments, offices, staff areas and meeting room facilities are equipped to handle all waste by providing them with the necessary receptacles, labels and training. Waste Check is invited to provide training to the Green Team on proper waste separation.

2007- Following the Energy Star program and suggestions from our 2006 audit by The Dalhousie Eco-Efficiency Center; Resort purchases two new washers and a dryer.

2007- Product usage was reviewed and 100% biodegradable containers are sourced and used for take-out coffee cups in public areas and in guest rooms. Disposable cups are not allowed in the kitchen and staff is provided with their own reusable coffee cup.

2007 – Installation of a large waste receptacle for the resort in general, complete with proper signage and compartments. This will be used as a model, to construct scaled down replicas for waste collection by guests at different areas of the property in 2008.

2008 – Construction of scaled down waste receptacle in public area for guest use. Constructed using 80% recycled building materials.

2008 – Applied for a “Green Leaf Rating” through Audubon International and have received a score of three Green Leaves.

2008- Continued community initiatives through a 3 km highway clean-up.

2008 – Continued all green programs instituted in past years.

2008 – Reached approximately an 80% completion rate on our lighting retrofit.

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2008 – Digby Pines recognized for their success in implementing environmental principals into their business practices at The Ninth Annual Environmental Excellence in Business Breakfast hosted by The Dalhousie Eco Efficiency Centre (see supporting documentation)

2008 – Recipient of the first annual Sustainability Award from New Castle Hotels and Resorts for 2007 Green Team Efforts.

2009 – Earth Day 3 km highway clean up (April 2009)

2009- Currently conducting a trial run in 9 of our 30 cottages to test the effectiveness of fiber fuel bricks (a lumber by-product composed of 100% woodchips) instead of burning

fire wood. This initiative supports a local lumber molding company who strives to maintain a neutral carbon footprint by finding alternate means of using waste from production. These bricks produce less ash, smoke and creosote than fire wood and have no artificial glues added.

2009 – In the process of implementing compost receptacles in all guest rooms.

2009 – Awaiting the design of a Carbon Footprint Calculator through Dalhousie Eco-Efficiency Centre in order to set a benchmark for improvement for 2009. Working closely with Municipality of Digby Waste Collection Services to establish benchmarks to further reduce waste sent to landfill and increase recyclables.

2009 – Planning the construction of a gold fishpond and bat houses to be implemented by 2010 to complement a garden featuring indigenous plants. These projects were designed with the intent of reducing nuisance insects and to enhance our Green Spaces.