



It's the Little Things That Make a Big Difference
San Juan Marriott's Eco-Initiatives Add Up

San Juan, Puerto Rico – July 2010 – San Juan Marriott has introduced a new initiative to help the resort conserve resources and reduce waste while rewarding guests – and it's as simple as making your own bed.

- **Opt Out and Earn:** At check-in, guests are given the option of forgoing housekeeping service for their room in exchange for Marriott Reward points. For each night (limited to two consecutive nights) that guests choose to pass on housekeeping, they earn 500 reward points. Amenities are still replenished as needed (shampoo, conditioner, soap, towels, etc), but a full cleaning, linen changing and exchange of towels is not carried out. As a result, water and electric bills are reduced with less laundry to be done and the amount of cleaning products used and disposed of are lessened. Guests can earn up to 1,000 Marriott Reward points, plus benefit in knowing they contributed to conservation, even if just in a small way – each guest's contribution adds up.

"We're always seeking new ways to introduce simple steps that our guests and staff can partake in to help us help the environment," Hans Georg Rohrbein, general manager of the San Juan Marriott explained. "The little initiatives, a bit of recycling here or saving water there, are what make a difference in the grand scheme of things – the ecological long run."

Additionally, the resort's latest efforts to introduce green initiatives at the resort on a guest and associate level also include:

- **"The Stomach":** The Green Key 1000-5000 Microbial Food Digester, affectionately referred to as 'the stomach' among resort associates, is the newest piece of eco-friendly machinery to be introduced at the San Juan Marriott. Inside, micro-organisms literally digest waste, converting all solid organic material into grey water, which can conveniently flow down any drain system whether municipal or septic. The hotel staff does their part for the environment by putting leftover waste from the cafeteria in the GK Digester, preventing waste product from having to be carted off by sanitation trucks, trains, and barges to distant and increasingly scarce landfills. GK Bio Machines radically decrease the current carbon footprint created by food waste and encourage cost reduction.
- **Recycle Bins:** Coming soon, comingle recycle bins will be placed in all guest rooms for paper, plastic and aluminum recycling - encouraging guests to drop their soda cans or used paper in for housekeeping to collect and recycle.

Experience a tropical beachfront setting, amazing picture perfect views along the Atlantic Ocean, multiple sundecks packed with palm trees, lounge chairs, hammocks and cabanas, a swim up bar and so much more. The San Juan Marriott provides a relaxing environment, luxurious guest rooms and suites, full casino, invigorating spa, two elaborate swimming pools, meeting facilities, six dining options and a lobby lounge for nighttime entertainment. www.marriottsanjuan.com

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