

## THE LOSS PREVENTION BULLETIN

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### SOME THOUGHTS IN SUPPORT OF HOTEL “GREENING”

- In sun-exposed guest or function rooms, consider installation of window draperies with reflective surface to supplement any awning or special tinted glass surfaces provided. Instruct staff to close the draperies when the room is prepared for occupancy. Determine how many lights or lamps should be on to avoid entering a darkened room; but avoiding every light in on position.
- Consider installation of a thermostat limits band. Perhaps a range of 68 degrees F to 78 degrees F. It is interesting the perception of cool or warm will generally occur when the guest set limits that may be at 65 degrees F or 85 degrees F on the guest room controls.
- Bring the professional in for re-calibrating equipment on the premises. Include all HVAC equipment, boilers, water heaters, spa, sauna, hot tub and delivery temperature at faucet, showerhead. or any other device requiring calibration.
- Establish a program for water conservation and use. Is it possible to recycle rinse water for initial wash in the laundry? May grey water be recovered from sewage water for irrigation or fire emergency use? Or, is the urgency of need such that the sewage water may be processed for washing and drinking use? Does the maintenance program cover removal of scale and general control of the mixing valves in water distribution and use in faucets and showerheads? Are flushometers regularly inspected and adjusted to maintain the correct flow of water during the flush operation? If not on a proper maintenance schedule, some units may flush with as much as 5 to 7 gallons of water in a single flush.
- If your property is implementing a recycling program, involve the guest by providing professionally designated containers within the room; for example, receptacles for paper, glass, or plastic.