



# Rhode Island Hospitality Green Certification

For Rhode Island's Hospitality &  
Tourism Industry

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A partnership between:

- ❖ Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- ❖ Rhode Island Hospitality & Tourism Association
- Modeled after Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Green Lodging and Green Restaurants Certification

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The program uses Certification Workbooks with checklists for Hotels & Lodging and Restaurants, which include:

- ✓ Administrative
  - ✓ Kitchen & Housekeeping Departments activities, including food and cleaning
    - ✓ Waste management, including recycling and universal waste
      - ✓ Landscaping & Maintenance Departments activities
        - ✓ Water conservation
        - ✓ Energy initiatives
      - ✓ Environmental Education
      - ✓ Other creative initiatives

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- Completion of the checklist in an earlier draft version in the Hotel & Lodging Certification Workbook was carried out as a trial in June 2007
- The draft checklist in the Certification Workbook was completed by eight (8) hotels

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- After beginning with the Hotel & Lodging Certification Workbook, RIDEM developed a Restaurants Certification Workbook with a checklist
- The Certification Workbook with the checklist for restaurants is similar to that being used for lodging facilities, but checklist items reflect a food service related focus

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- The program was formally announced at the Annual Meeting of the Providence Warwick Visitors and Convention Bureau on November 1, 2007
- Prior to the announcement, a draft Hotel & Lodging Certification Workbook was sent to twenty (20) of Rhode Island's largest hotels to complete as a trial
- After initial responses were received, minor modifications were made to the documents before distribution to other lodging facilities takes place

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- The release of the final Certification Workbooks is scheduled for early 2008
- Completed Certification Workbooks with the checklists will be submitted by facilities to RIDEM for scoring
- RIDEM hopes to approve the first certifications in April 2008.
- This will be followed by random audits of approved facilities by RIDEM staff

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