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1. Each hotel should form an **Environmental Committee** that is responsible for developing an Environmental Green Plan for energy, water, and solid waste use.
2. Manage your hotel's **environmental performance** by monitoring the electric, gas, water, and waste usage information on a monthly and annual basis.
3. Replace **incandescent lamps** with compact fluorescent lamps wherever possible.
4. Install **digital thermostats** in guestrooms and throughout the hotel.
5. Implement a **towel and/or linen reuse** program.
6. Install **2.5-gallons per minute showerheads** or less in all guestroom baths and any employee shower areas.
7. Install **1.6-gallon toilets** in all guestrooms.
8. Implement a **recycling program** --including public spaces -- to the full extent available in your municipality; document your efforts.
9. Implement a **recycling program for hazardous materials** found in fluorescent bulbs, batteries, and lighting ballasts through licensed service providers.
10. Purchase **Energy Star** labeled appliances and equipment.
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