Outstanding Efforts: Spring 2013, The Hyatt Regency Waikīkī Beach Resort & Spa is becoming a four time Hawai‘i Green Business Program Awardee for their outstanding efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. In 2012 the resort improved their score and earned another Energy Star building label.

The Hyatt Regency Waikīkī Beach Resort & Spa is dedicated to providing safe and comfortable accommodations and workspaces for guest and associates by focusing on minimizing the environmental impacts of the hotel, improving the representation of Hawaiian culture, and continuing to invest in the local community.

The Green Team Objectives:
The Hyatt Regency Waikīkī Beach’s Green Team works hard to advance environmental efforts by setting goals in energy, emissions and waste management. The team is currently facilitating environmental and cultural education, awareness and engagement across various departments.

Reduction of Energy Usage:
- Reduced their electrical consumption by 150,449 kWh over the past year
- Received 2012 Energy Star Rating for the Hotel by improving their score over the previous year

Reduction of Water Usage:
- Due to renovations of pool, restaurants and regency club in 2011 water usage increased but was 1.1% lower from baseline year 2008.
- Used drought tolerant plants, placed in recycled glass planters which only require hand watering as a part of the recent remodeling

Recycling Practices:
- Implemented a full recycle program, which includes card board, wet food waste, aluminum, glass, medical waste, hazardous waste and E-waste
- Implemented and added a new recycle bin in all guest rooms
- Recycling increased by 48 tons or 3.84%

Cultural Practices:
- Continue the two on-site cultural practitioners to share Hawaiian stories, hula, chants, historic tours and culture with guests and employees
- Major sponsor of the 2012 Kūhiō Beach Hula Show
- Lei, ‘ukulele, hula lessons and history are all offered every weekday in E Makani ‘Ehā – the space dedicated to the cultural practioners and Hawaiian lessons
Community Outreach:

- Hawaii food bank drive raised over $500 in cash and 500lbs of non-perishable food items. Invited to participate as committee member in 2013
- Fundraised $80,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawai‘i
- Waikiki improvement association award for Green Team
- Music for Life partner and sponsor
- In conjunction with UH Sea Grant provided support for free tourism professional training about the natural status and protected status of sea turtles
- Partnered with Ohana Workforce for quarterly beach cleanups
- Partnered with Sacred Hearts academy in late 2012 to have the students visit the hotel kitchen and meet with local farmers. At the end of the event the students were challenged to create one menu item (appetizer, entrée, or side) using one ingredient they will find in their school garden. The winning recipe was featured throughout the month of February in the SHOR restaurant
- Annual partner and sponsor of the Kuhio Beach Show
- Reef Watch Waikiki sponsor. Had seven months of volunteer interns to conduct information sessions and how to project the reefs for locals and visitors
- UH Sea Grant – ongoing public support of the university program which is responsible for providing public awareness information to locals and visitors