Outstanding Efforts:

The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua practices several eco-friendly initiatives including sustainable dining using ingredients harvested from its organic garden with 70 herb varieties, 100 types of vegetables, 35 fruit trees and compost area. The resort partners with Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ocean Futures Society for the Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ambassadors of the Environment program which educates guests on the local eco-system through interactive excursions and conservation efforts such as rainforest restoration, wildlife protection and more. The Ambassadors Center on property features LED lights, furniture from a sustainable living company, dual-flush toilets, coreless tissue rolls, rain catch-system and more. Ambassadors Naturalists and resort guests support local conservation efforts during Malama Ka Aina and explore remnants of a once vibrant pineapple growing community where life, land, and water are all vitally important.

Additional initiatives contributing to our sustainable and environmentally conscious efforts include:

- Dedicated R.E.A.C.T. (Ritz-Carlton Environmental Action Conservation Team) on-property
- Sustainable dining features naturally germinated organic heirloom herbs and vegetables, as well as exotic fruit
- Organically-managed gardens feature 70 varieties of herbs, 100 selections of vegetables and 35 fruit trees (saves approx. $30,000 in food costs annually)
- All single-use products are made from non-GMO corn, potato or sugar cane that are biodegradable and compostable
- All purchases are made with an effort to first buy-recycled or local to reduce total carbon footprint
- Retail merchandise is chosen from a committed and environmentally responsible company. Most apparel is 100% organic cotton.
- Utilize LED lights throughout the property and is phasing out any remaining incandescent light bulbs.
- Recently purchased smart guestroom thermostats which have resulted in a saving of about $220,000 annually.
- Earth Day conservation efforts above and beyond the resort’s normal energy conservation efforts. Guests are invited to join in the conservation activities and the activities are widely promoted throughout the hotel.
- Composting
- Commitment by Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ambassadors of the Environment
  - LED ceiling lights
  - Furniture is made with no chemicals, no VOC, no formaldehyde, recycled stainless steel hardware bases and with actual solid surface materials made from:
    - Marmoleum (conference table)
    - Reclaimed and shredded U.S. currency (coffee table)
    - Sunflower hull and straw (reception desk)
- Furniture from sustainable living company that operates with pre/post-consumer responsibility. Table made from fallen Curly Tropical Mango tree with recycled Koa trim details on Maui that have been recovered and salvaged into functional furniture.
- Sustainable bamboo floors throughout the center

- Sunscreen used by staff and sold in retail use is 100% chemical free and does not harm marine life, pH level of ocean or the health of the reef
- Installed catch-system onto gutters to collect rainwater for irrigating the centers’ lush landscape
- Dual-flush toilets in restroom facilities
- Coreless bathroom tissue rolls
- Enlivening a Rainforest- rehabilitation, restoration, reforestation
- Protecting the Coastal Trail- rehabilitation, restoration, reforestation
- Marine Debris Recovery & Aquatic Habitat Restoration
- Children Education Programs
- Green Sea Turtle Protection Program
- Building energy-efficient, sustainable housing affordable to low-income families
- Cultural and Environmental Education
- Shearwater Bird Protection Program
- Humpback Whale Protection and Education
- The Ritz-Carlton Give Back Getaways® voluntourism program offers guests an exceptional opportunity to combine volunteer work with travel and give back to the community in a way that is meaningful to them and to the lives of others

The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua believes in treating others as we would like to be treated which drives every interaction with guests, employees and the environment. The company is committed to conserving natural resources, preserving local habitats and wildlife and reducing its carbon footprint. Through continuously monitoring and improving its sustainable practices, The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua strives to reduce its environmental impact while enhancing the guest experience.