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Marco Beach Ocean Resort Receives Florida *Green Lodging* Program Designation

Environmentally friendly hotel conserves resources, saves money and attracts customers.

MARCO ISLAND, FL—April 20, 2010 — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) welcomes [Marco Beach Ocean Resort](#) to the Florida *Green Lodging* Program. The voluntary state initiative provides the lodging industry with free technical assistance, encouraging hotels and motels to adopt cost-saving “[green](#)” practices that reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

“It is wonderful to see businesses implement green practices such as water conservation, recycling and energy reduction because they are not only good for business, they are good for Florida’s environment,” said DEP Sustainable Initiatives Director Deas Bohn.

To become a designated member of the [Florida Green Lodging Program](#), Marco Beach Ocean Resort had to implement a variety of [green practices](#) including water conservation, energy efficiencies, waste reduction and recycling.

In 2007, Governor Crist signed three executive orders initiating energy-use policies, including one that requires state agencies and departments to hold meetings/conferences only at hotels with the Florida *Green Lodging* Program designation as of January 1, 2008, whenever possible.

“We are committed to conserving energy and protecting our environment while providing the comfort and enjoyment our guests expect,” commented Hotel Manager, Jeff Bullock.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit www.marcoresort.com or phone 239-393-1400; 800-715-8517.

About Marco Beach Ocean Resort

The newly renovated 98-suite [Marco Beach Ocean Resort](#) brings exceptional service, lodging and dining to Marco Island, one of the fabled Ten Thousand Islands located between Naples and the Florida Everglades, on Southwest Florida’s Gulf coast. Marco Beach Ocean Resort features a variety of dining options including the award winning [Sale e Pepe](#) restaurant, spa and fitness center, sparkling pool and white sand beach perfect for a [getaway](#), [meeting](#) or [wedding](#) in paradise. The resort’s Concierge and international service staff accommodates personal tastes and regularly exceeds expectations.