

# GREENLIBAKKEN

## LIVING RESPONSIBLY *at* LAKE TAHOE

### GRANLIBAKKEN'S GREEN EFFORTS

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#### GREEN TIPS

- ♦ Buy organic and/or recycle products
- ♦ Use dimmers, timers, compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs and/or occupancy sensors with lighting
- ♦ Walk, carpool or use public transportation
- ♦ Recycle and reuse
- ♦ Think alternatively!

Living in close proximity to the national treasure of Lake Tahoe places a special responsibility on our business practices, our customers and us. Working together, we hope to preserve Granlibakken as a special place to live, work and play while enjoying and conserving our natural environment.

Our environmental goals include:

- ♦ Waste Stream Reduction
- ♦ Energy Conservation
- ♦ Improve, Restore and Manage our natural habitat
- ♦ Conserve Water
- ♦ Promote healthy lifestyles for guests and employees

We ask for your help in conservation and environmental stewardship. Simple steps such as keeping your coffee mug from breakfast to use for all your coffee breaks throughout the day will conserve water and reduce the use of detergents and waste. Use the recycling bins for paper, glass and plastic located in the conference areas. Turn off all lights and electrical devices when not in use. Help keep our property free of trash and debris by disposing of your waste in trashcans. Keep food and waste away from wildlife. Tell us if you see leaking faucets, litter or open trash bins and we will be more than happy to take care of the problem.

#### WASTE STREAM REDUCTION

Although all Tahoe area trash is sorted at the receiving center, Granlibakken is helping to streamline recycling by pre-sorting where possible. We maintain separate bins for beverage bottles and cans, paper, cardboard, batteries and fluorescent light bulbs. Our dining room and kitchen staff work together to gather glass, plastic, aluminum and cardboard for the local recycling program. Kitchen grease is collected in a special container to be disposed of properly. Printer cartridges are gathered to offer for exchange and road sand is swept and collected at the end of the season to reuse for snow removal the following year.

#### ENERGY CONSERVATION

With the help of the Utility Energy Forum and Sierra Pacific Power, Granlibakken continues to replace outdated lighting and appliances with more efficient systems. Granlibakken has replaced over 1000 T12 and incandescent bulbs with T8 and compact fluorescent bulbs. We have a continuing program for replacing manual switches with automated switches with motion sensors and timers with light sensors. Most recently, we have started a program to replace thermostats on gas fireplaces with timers. Working with the homeowner association, we are promoting the replacement of single pane windows with double pane windows in the privately owned condominiums. Granlibakken is also promoting the use of on demand hot water systems and replacement of aging appliances with Energy Star appliances.

## KEEPING TAHOE BLUE

### WATER CONSERVATION AND TAHOE WATER



Granlibakken participates in the “Green Program.” This program has been put in place to help reduce water waste. Granlibakken has been a leader in watershed conservation since 1987 when we completed all the TRPA and Lahontan Water District Best Management Practice requirements. Some steps we have taken include placing signs in all the units’ bathrooms for guests asking them to hang their towels after use if they do not require fresh towels daily. Our public restrooms have faucets that turn off automatically and we are currently in the process of installing and retrofitting low flow showerheads to promote water conservation. We also use earth friendly soap in our commercial dishwasher.

Tahoe tap water is one of the purest in the world and as pure as most bottled water. We encourage guests to drink our tap water and refill any re-usable drinking bottles with tap water. While this helps with water conservation, it also manages waste reduction.

To conserve the purity of our beautiful area, we are currently pursuing an upgrade with full TRPA BMP certification for the entire valley. All building and roadway runoff is captured and treated before passing onto the Truckee River. You can see the settling pond alongside the road as you enter the valley (dry most of the year).

*Keep  
human food  
and trash  
away from  
animals*

## GRANLIBAKKEN, THE FOREST AND THE CRITTERS

### RESTORING AND MANAGING OUR NATURAL HABITAT

Granlibakken’s 74 acres is a unique location surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest. We take our responsibility for maintaining this small piece of forest very seriously. To balance fire safety with conservation, we coordinate our efforts with the local fire protection district and with the federal TRPA. Granlibakken is a designated Fire Safe Community. We have created a natural firebreak between our buildings and the surrounding high fire risk forest. Our goal is to minimize the risk of fire to the property by forcing an approaching fire to drop to the ground in our defensible space. Our efforts proved successful during the Washoe Fire last year in 2007 when our firebreaks stopped the fire from spreading over the ridge to Granlibakken property saving land and animals from being destroyed. Working together with the Nevada Area Fire Safe Council, we have treated over 25 acres of the valley, starting the restoration of the natural forest balance and improving habitat for the forest’s creatures. Forest management and maintenance of defensible space is an ongoing process for Granlibakken.



Our landscaping concept focuses on the use of native plants with decorative species introduced as highlights to increase pollination. Designated pathways have been created and maintained to reduce the impact on the adjacent soil. We ask that you walk only on established pathways.

A variety of wild creatures are present in Granlibakken Valley. We strive to keep the environment of wild animals natural. Strict trash control and physical barriers are in place to achieve this. Please remember, the animals are wild. Keep human food and trash away from animals.

## FRESH AIR AND EXERCISE

### PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Granlibakken encourages our guests and employees to live a healthy lifestyle. We encourage this through a healthy diet and exercise.

Granlibakken offers diet selections for almost every palate. In addition, we use the healthiest possible ingredients in our kitchen. We do our best to avoid products that we believe have little nutritional value such as MSG and partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs). We ensure that there are healthy dining choices for our guests, including fresh fruits and vegetables.

In addition to the incredible opportunities offered by the adjacent National Forest and nearby Lake Tahoe, Granlibakken has tennis courts, a swimming pool, a fitness par course, ski area and sledding hill. At your leisure and in season, you can choose to bike, hike, downhill ski, cross country ski, snowshoe, swim, play tennis, run on our par course and of course, just take a nature hike and relax. It is hard not to be athletic and eat healthy when you have all these amenities at your doorstep.

For those who require a gym, we partner with Inside Out Fitness for weight and aerobic training. Ask the front desk for a \$10 day pass.



## DECREASE AIR POLLUTION

Granlibakken focuses on keeping fewer vehicles on the road by participating in many different shuttle services. We utilize the North Lake Tahoe Airport Shuttle service to transport our guests to and from the airport. This is a shared ride service offered by the Transport Management Association of Truckee – North Tahoe. In the summer months, we encourage our guests to travel to different destinations around the Lake by using the Tahoe Trolley or the West Shore Shuttle, both free services that keep unnecessary vehicles off the road and our air mountain fresh.

In the winter months, skiers can take free shuttles from Granlibakken to Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley and Homewood Mountain Resort. Granlibakken posts the shuttle schedules in our lobby.



Please check the information board in the lobby or ask any one of our front desk agents if you have any questions about traveling around the Lake.

Take the Forest Access Road into Tahoe City (1.4 miles, connect to the bike and walking path to River Ranch or down the West Shore). Granlibakken also utilizes electric cards for housekeeping to reduce pollution. Our future includes the purchase of more low emission vehicles to replace our older vehicles.

*Grab a free  
shuttle....  
Take a walk.  
There are  
many ways  
to get  
around  
Lake Tahoe  
leaving your  
car behind.*

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*Living  
Responsibly  
at  
Lake Tahoe  
Chalet*

## ABOUT GRANLIBAKKEN

Granlibakken is a Norwegian name meaning a hill sheltered by trees. Granlibakken is a privately owned condominium resort, occupying 74 wooded acres in a picturesque mountain valley. Spectacular Lake Tahoe is just minutes away.

Town homes and suite accommodations afford plenty of privacy in a tranquil and relaxing hideaway. For business, our complete conference center welcomes groups of ten to 350. For leisure, a full menu of Tahoe's outdoor recreation and indoor entertainment is available either at the resort or minutes away. The hospitality is European and the lifestyle is Lake Tahoe.

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## WE WANT YOU!

If you or anyone you know has a group that would appreciate our efforts to be green, please contact us. We operate year round as a full-service conference facility and family resort. Many different types of groups come to enjoy our wonderful grounds. Please give us a call or fill out the attached form and mail it to us. We will have one of our professional Sales Managers contact you with rates. We look forward to being Green with you!

We need expert advice on a broad range of environmental issues, from energy conservation to nature conservation. Send us your green suggestions to [ronparson@granlibakken.com](mailto:ronparson@granlibakken.com)

## GROUP RATE REQUEST FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Stay: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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