

## Kiawah Island Golf Resort Awarded the Prestigious Green Eco-Leaf Rating

[Kiawah Island Golf Resort](#) has earned a 2 Green Eco-Leaf Rating this week by completing a 70 point comprehensive eco-audit survey administered by iStayGreen.org - the online social network of environmentally friendly travel.

Kiawah Island, SC (Vocus) June 23, 2009 -- Kiawah Island Golf Resort becomes one of 1st lodging properties in Kiawah Island, SC to receive the Green Eco-Leaf Rating. Currently Kiawah Island Golf Resort is first of the [hotels in Kiawah Island](http://www.istaygreen.org/getcityus.cfm/city/Kiawah) (<http://www.istaygreen.org/getcityus.cfm/city/Kiawah> Island/st/SC) to complete the comprehensive environmental audit administered by iStayGreen.org. The property earned 2 Green Eco-Leafs, which is a "Good" rating.

All Green Eco-Leaf Rated properties are committed to environmentally friendly initiatives. Richard Varner, founder of iStayGreen.org states: "Simple changes helped Kiawah Island Golf Resort earn their 2 Green Eco-Leaf Rating and become one of 1st lodging properties rated. It's great to see they're intent on insuring a more sustainable future in travel."

To insure a more sustainable future some of the eco-initiatives put in-place at the property include: low energy lighting initiatives are in-place - energy efficient lighting is installed when replacing old lighting - energy sensor initiatives are in-place - sheets reuse option for multiple night stays - eco-initiatives are actively promoted to the public - water conservation initiatives are in-place - low water consumption landscaping has been installed - recycle containers are located inside guestrooms - recycle containers are located around the property common areas - reusable food & beverage service is used in lieu of disposable service items - recycled paper products (bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc) are utilized - plus much more. The complete audit can be viewed at [Kiawah Island Golf Resort Environmental Self-Audit](http://www.istaygreen.org/ecoaudit.cfm/hid/10226582) (<http://www.istaygreen.org/ecoaudit.cfm/hid/10226582>).

Hotels in South Carolina are becoming progressively greener. In addition to the Kiawah Island Golf Resort four other hotels have recently earned the Green Eco-Leaf Rating, The Best Western Charles Inn and [Francis Marion Hotel](#) both located in Charleston, the [Springmaid Beach Resort](#) located in Myrtle Beach, and the Courtyard by Marriott [Hotel in Greenville, SC](#).

The lodging industry recognizes the need to create a sustainable future for travel. While the Kiawah Island Golf Resort is one of 1st Kiawah Island lodging properties to achieve the Green Eco-Leaf Rating, it is anticipated that many other properties in the area that are promoting eco-friendly initiatives also will seek to be rated. This eco-rating allows the public to know the specific environmental initiatives in place at a property, which enables the environmentally conscious traveler to make informed lodging decisions.

For additional information about Kiawah Island Golf Resort contact them at (800) 654-2924 or visit <http://www.kiawahresort.com>. To find out how a property can earn the Green Eco-Leaf Rating, contact Richard Varner at 602-864-5553 or visit <http://www.iStayGreen.org>.

About iStayGreen.org:

With iStayGreen's rapidly growing searchable directory of 100,000 lodging properties and over 3,500 already Green Rated, it's easy for anyone to quickly locate and compare "Green" lodging worldwide. To earn a Green



Eco-Leaf Rating, hotels must complete a thorough self-audit, and then are rated based on their eco-initiatives. The site also provides an effective way for hotel owners and operators to promote all of the good "Green" things they are doing. Visitors to the site can create their own profiles, add friends, recommend properties, upload photos, form groups, create and respond to forum threads, make reservations, and add comments and reviews to hotel profiles.

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