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Sustainability Practices

Fact Sheet

Burke Mountain has always believed in doing more with less, embracing best practices for sustainability, while using resources from local businesses and farmers. This year, in addition to the recently installed wind turbine, Burke Mountain continues to enhance these systems and always looks for ways to minimize its impact on the environment.

Waste Oil Re-Use – Burke’s maintenance department has a waste oil re-use program in which it recycles all waste oil from resort vehicles used to supplement heating oil during the winter months to heat the maintenance building.

Green Product Purchase Program – Burke follows strict guidelines for ordering “green” supplies which include; recycled content paper, paper towels, tissues, non toxic cleaning supplies, compostable service ware (plates and bowls, etc.) and does so in bulk purchasing when possible. Eco items for sale in the retail shop include reusable shopping bags, cups and mugs, and Vermont made products.

Restaurant Operations – On-mountain restaurant facilities utilize composting and use of local/organic foods when available. Employees are encouraged to bring in their own cups. All restaurants recycle tin cans, plastic, glass jars, bottles, plastic wrap and bulk condiments. The use of Styrofoam cups is not permitted.

Energy Efficiency – Working with Efficiency Vermont, Burke Mountain has replaced a significant percentage of its lights with high efficiency models, including extensive use of LED lights throughout the resort.

Recycling – Burke Mountain has a resort wide recycling effort for paper, cardboard, plastics, bottle and cans and ink cartridges for staff and guests. Recycling bins are located throughout the facilities.

About Burke Mountain: Located in the heart of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, Burke, with over 260 acres of skiing and riding, has an elevation of 3267 ft., over 2011 ft. of vertical, and 50 natural trails including over 110 acres of glades. As the primary training and race facility to over 50 ski Olympians, Burke is home to Burke Mountain Academy, an internationally acclaimed ski- focused boarding school offering a college preparatory curriculum, sending many students to compete in the Olympics and other national and international competitions.

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