

## “Eco Travelogue-4”

Dear Adam and Eve,

*(Readers, a continuation of the eco travelogue.)*

There were **energy/water conservation measures** in the two newer chain hotels where we stayed in Ireland and France that we have not experienced here in the US:

Either using a small button or large button on the toilet, depending if one needed a small or larger flush, thus saving estimated 20,000+ gallons of water per room per year! Do the math for an entire hotel’s total water savings!

The room’s lights and TV could not be turned on without your key card being inserted into a slot just inside the room. When leaving the room and needing to take your room key card with you, you had to take it out of the slot and that automatically turned off the electricity in the room. Ingenious!

In addition, there were no typical hotel soap/shampoo bars/bottles in the room, rather both were provided thru built-in dispensers at the sink and shower, so that there was no wasting of partially used soap bars/bottles. And, low flow showers and spigots were standard everywhere.

Please realize that these hotels were mid price, not high-end hotels. Why aren’t we doing these things here in US hotels?

Dear Traveler:

*We thank you so much for the information from your travels. We in the US take great pride in being “the first” and “the best” in everything. But in these examples, it appears that we are not! Even so, we cannot ignore our need for energy and water conservation and that, that need is Yesterday!*

### **RETHINK! REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!**

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