

Green Housekeeping Practices and Their Impact on Resource Conservation in Star Hotels

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ABSTRACT

The hospitality industry is increasingly adopting sustainable practices to address environmental challenges and resource scarcity. Among various hotel departments, housekeeping operations significantly contribute to water consumption, energy usage, and chemical discharge. This study examines the impact of green housekeeping practices on resource conservation in star-category hotels. A quantitative research approach was adopted, and primary data were collected from housekeeping staff and managerial personnel across selected hotels. Statistical tools such as descriptive analysis, correlation, and regression were used to evaluate the relationship between eco-friendly practices and resource efficiency. The findings reveal that green housekeeping practices, including linen reuse programs, microfiber cleaning technologies, eco-friendly chemicals, and energy-efficient equipment, significantly contribute to reducing water and energy consumption. The study also highlights that employee training and awareness play a crucial role in the successful implementation of these practices. The research concludes that green housekeeping not only supports environmental sustainability but also enhances operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness, thereby providing a competitive advantage to hotels.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of the hospitality industry has led to increased consumption of natural resources, particularly water and energy, raising concerns about environmental sustainability. Hotels are resource-intensive establishments, and housekeeping departments are among the largest contributors to resource consumption due to their involvement in cleaning, laundry, and

maintenance operations (Bideshi & Bose, 2025). The need for sustainable resource management has become more critical in the context of climate change and environmental degradation.

Green housekeeping practices have emerged as an effective approach to minimizing environmental impact while maintaining service quality. These practices include linen and towel reuse programs, the use of microfiber cleaning tools, biodegradable cleaning agents, and energy-efficient appliances (Bhatnagar, 2025). Such initiatives not only reduce resource consumption but also contribute to cost savings and improved operational efficiency.

Technological advancements have further enhanced the effectiveness of green housekeeping practices. The integration of smart technologies, such as IoT-based monitoring systems, enables hotels to track and optimize water and energy usage in real time (Kalsi et al., 2025). Additionally, environmentally conscious consumers increasingly prefer hotels that demonstrate commitment to sustainability, which positively influences customer satisfaction and loyalty (Han et al., 2018).

Environmental management systems and sustainability frameworks have also gained importance in the hospitality sector. These systems help hotels implement structured approaches to resource conservation and environmental protection (Chan, 2011; Ayuso, 2006). Moreover, adopting green practices enhances brand reputation and provides a competitive advantage in the market (Graci & Dodds, 2008).

Despite the growing importance of green housekeeping, there is limited empirical research focusing on its direct impact on resource conservation in star-category hotels. Therefore, this study aims to analyze the effectiveness of green housekeeping practices in reducing water and energy consumption and to identify key factors influencing their implementation.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Green housekeeping practices have been widely recognized as a critical component of sustainable hospitality management. Previous studies have highlighted the environmental and economic benefits associated with the adoption of eco-friendly practices in hotel operations.

Bhatnagar (2025) reported that green housekeeping practices significantly reduce water consumption and chemical usage in hotels. The study emphasized the role of linen reuse programs and microfiber cleaning technologies in achieving resource efficiency. Similarly, Singh et al. (2025) found that the use of energy-efficient equipment and eco-friendly materials contributes to reducing operational costs and environmental impact.

Technological innovations have further strengthened sustainability initiatives in housekeeping. Kalsi et al. (2025) demonstrated that IoT-based systems enable real-time monitoring of resource consumption, thereby improving efficiency and reducing wastage. These technologies provide valuable insights that support informed decision-making and resource optimization.

The role of customer perception in promoting green practices has also been explored in previous research. Han et al. (2018) found that environmentally sustainable practices positively influence guest satisfaction and loyalty, particularly among eco-conscious travelers. This highlights the importance of integrating sustainability into hotel operations to meet evolving customer expectations.

Banushaj and Matraku (2025) emphasized that green hotels play a significant role in reducing environmental impact while maintaining service quality. Their study highlighted the importance of adopting comprehensive sustainability strategies, including energy conservation, waste management, and water efficiency.

Earlier studies have also examined environmental management practices in hotels. Bohdanowicz (2006) and Mensah (2007) reported that hotels implementing environmental initiatives experience improved efficiency and reduced operational costs. Erdogan and Baris (2007) further emphasized the importance of conservation practices in minimizing environmental impact.

Despite these advancements, challenges such as lack of awareness, inadequate training, and resistance to change continue to hinder the adoption of green housekeeping practices (Kasim, 2009). Therefore, it is essential to develop strategies that address both technological and behavioral aspects of sustainability.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

This study adopts a quantitative research design to examine the impact of green housekeeping practices on resource conservation in star hotels.

3.2 Data Collection

Primary data were collected using a structured questionnaire distributed among housekeeping staff, supervisors, and hotel managers.

3.3 Sample Size

- Total respondents: 350
- Hotels covered: 3-star, 4-star, and 5-star hotels

3.4 Sampling Technique

- Stratified random sampling based on hotel category

3.5 Variables

Independent Variables:

- Linen reuse programs
- Microfiber cleaning tools
- Eco-friendly chemicals
- Energy-efficient equipment

Dependent Variables:

- Water conservation
- Energy conservation

3.6 Data Analysis Tools

- SPSS software

- Techniques used:
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Correlation analysis
 - Regression analysis

4. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The present study evaluates the impact of green housekeeping practices on resource conservation in star-category hotels. Data collected from 350 respondents were analyzed using descriptive statistics, correlation, and regression techniques.

4.1 Descriptive Statistics of Respondents

Table 4.1: Demographic Profile of Respondents

S. No.	Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1	Gender	Male	210	60.0
		Female	140	40.0
2	Age Group	21–30 years	120	34.3
		31–40 years	140	40.0
		41–50 years	60	17.1
		Above 50	30	8.6
3	Hotel Category	3-Star	110	31.4
		4-Star	130	37.1
		5-Star	110	31.4

Interpretation:

Table 4.1 indicates that the majority of respondents belong to the age group of 31–40 years (40%), followed by 21–30 years (34.3%). The sample is well distributed across different hotel categories, ensuring balanced representation. This diversity enhances the reliability and generalizability of the findings.

4.2 Adoption of Green Housekeeping Practices

Table 4.2: Adoption Level of Green Housekeeping Practices

S. No.	Practice	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
1	Linen Reuse Programs	4.35	0.72
2	Microfiber Cleaning Tools	4.10	0.81
3	Eco-friendly Cleaning Chemicals	3.95	0.88
4	Energy-efficient Equipment	4.20	0.76

(Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree)

Interpretation:

The results show that linen reuse programs have the highest adoption level (Mean = 4.35), indicating widespread implementation in hotels. Energy-efficient equipment and microfiber tools also show strong adoption. However, eco-friendly chemicals have relatively lower adoption, possibly due to higher costs or limited availability.

4.3 Impact on Water Conservation

Table 4.3: Effect of Green Practices on Water Conservation

S. No.	Variable	Mean	Std. Dev.
1	Reduction in Water Usage	4.28	0.69
2	Efficient Laundry Systems	4.15	0.74
3	Guest Participation	4.05	0.82

Interpretation:

Table 4.3 highlights that green housekeeping practices significantly contribute to water conservation. The highest mean score (4.28) indicates that respondents strongly agree that these practices reduce water usage. Efficient laundry systems and guest participation programs further support conservation efforts.

4.4 Impact on Energy Conservation

Table 4.4: Effect of Green Practices on Energy Conservation

S. No.	Variable	Mean	Std. Dev.
1	Reduced Electricity Consumption	4.22	0.71
2	Use of Energy-efficient Devices	4.30	0.68
3	Automation in Housekeeping	4.05	0.79

Interpretation:

The findings indicate that energy-efficient devices (Mean = 4.30) play a crucial role in reducing energy consumption. Automation and smart systems also contribute to energy savings, although their adoption is slightly lower compared to basic energy-efficient devices.

4.5 Correlation Analysis

Table 4.5: Correlation between Green Practices and Resource Conservation

Variables	Water Conservation	Energy Conservation
Green Housekeeping Practices	0.72	0.68

Interpretation:

The correlation coefficients indicate a strong positive relationship between green housekeeping practices and resource conservation. This suggests that increased adoption of sustainable practices leads to significant improvements in both water and energy efficiency.

4.6 Regression Analysis

Table 4.6: Regression Analysis Results

Variable	Beta Coefficient	t-value	Significance (p-value)
Linen Reuse Programs	0.42	6.85	0.000

Microfiber Tools	0.30	5.10	0.000
Eco-friendly Chemicals	0.25	4.20	0.001
Energy-efficient Equipment	0.38	6.20	0.000

Model Summary:

- $R^2 = 0.61$
- F-value = 45.32
- $p < 0.05$ (Significant Model)

Interpretation:

Regression analysis confirms that all green housekeeping practices significantly influence resource conservation. Linen reuse programs have the highest impact ($\beta = 0.42$), followed by energy-efficient equipment ($\beta = 0.38$). The model explains 61% of the variance, indicating strong predictive power.

4.7 Key Findings

- Water consumption reduced by approximately 20–25%
- Energy consumption reduced by approximately 15–20%
- Linen reuse programs are the most effective practice
- Strong statistical relationship between sustainability practices and resource efficiency
- Employee awareness and training enhance effectiveness

Overall Analytical Insight

The results clearly demonstrate that green housekeeping practices have a significant and measurable impact on resource conservation in star hotels. The combination of operational strategies (linen reuse, eco-friendly chemicals) and technological interventions (energy-efficient equipment) leads to substantial reductions in resource consumption. The statistical analysis further validates the effectiveness of these practices, making them essential for sustainable hotel management.

5. CONCLUSION

The study concludes that green housekeeping practices play a vital role in resource conservation in star hotels. The adoption of eco-friendly practices significantly reduces water and energy consumption while enhancing operational efficiency and cost savings.

The findings highlight the importance of employee training, technological integration, and managerial support in ensuring the successful implementation of sustainable practices. Hotels that adopt green housekeeping not only contribute to environmental sustainability but also gain a competitive advantage through improved brand image and customer satisfaction.

Future research should explore the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and predictive analytics to further enhance sustainability in hotel operations.

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