

The W Austin is at the forefront of green planning, design and construction downtown. The entire Block 21 project is registered with the LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System of the U.S. Green Building Council. In consultation with Austin's Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, The Residences at W Austin include the following sustainable design features:

Sustainable Site Selection

The Residences at W Austin's downtown setting is convenient to everything and better for the environment.

- A walkable location, plenty of bicycle parking, and nearby transit stops mean less need to drive.
- Parking lot perks are available for visitors with low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles.

Water Efficiency

Water is a precious resource, especially in Central Texas.

- Designers have selected beautiful and functional high-efficiency plumbing fixtures that use a total of 30% less water than typical fixtures.
- The landscape of attractive native and adapted plants embodies the natural character of Austin while requiring less water. The project's green space will use about a fifth of the water an average landscape would require.

Energy Efficiency

The Residences at W Austin consume less energy and emit fewer greenhouse gases.

- Interior lighting at The Residences at W Austin is one-third more energy efficient than code requires.
- Energy efficient windows and ample building insulation lead to more comfortable indoor spaces at lower operating costs.
- Energy Star-rated refrigerators and dishwashers are standard with optional Energy Star-rated washers.

Materials & Resources

Sustainable construction practices and responsible materials selection are key to the The Residences at W Austin's commitment to green.

- The Residences at W Austin team has set a goal to recycle or salvage 75% or more of its construction waste. To date, more than 4.5 million pounds of construction debris have been diverted from landfills.
- The design team sought building and interior materials harvested, processed, and manufactured within 500 miles of the site, supporting the regional economy and reducing the environmental impacts of transporting materials.
- The project's use of high quality building materials with a significant percentage of recycled content encourages the diversion of waste from landfills and conserves virgin resources.

Indoor Environmental Quality

The Residences at W Austin's indoor environment promotes health and wellness.

- The design team selected adhesives, sealants, paints, carpet and other materials that contribute to healthy, high-quality indoor air.
- Living spaces are designed to maximize access to outdoor views and daylight while keeping indoor temperatures comfortable. Windows in The Residences at W Austin are double paned and tinted and have a low solar heat gain coefficient, minimizing the solar radiation that enters interior spaces in the heat of summer.
- Smoking is prohibited in all public areas at the W Austin Residences.

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