



ENERGY SAVINGS SPOTLIGHT



About The Business

Located steps from the beach, dining, shopping, and the Osoyoos Marina, Watermark Beach Resort is the ideal location for those wanting to discover the South Okanagan. Watermark's dedication to a seamless guest experience has distinguished it as a must-visit destination in the Okanagan wine region. In addition to Watermark's remarkable resort amenities, **they are also committed to reducing environmental impacts and proudly communicate their green policies to all guests and stakeholders.** Alongside a sustainable food & beverage program, recycling program and EV charging stations, **Watermark is working towards becoming carbon and waste neutral** by consistently auditing and measuring their progress and administering solutions to help reduce their footprint. To support the acceleration of their progress, Watermark launched the GreenStep EcoFund Verified program in February 2018. To date, more than 210,000 kWh of energy savings per year has been realized through the implementation of EcoFund projects.

Project Summary: Commercial Laundry Equipment

For their second energy conservation project, Watermark used their EcoFund to replace a small outdated washer with a brand new larger, high efficiency machine in their laundry space. The new washer uses approximately **55% less water and cleans 3x more linen than the old unit** — based on an average of 24 loads per day.

"The improved spin cycle on our new washer ensures the linen comes out dryer — reducing drying time, saving energy and ultimately increasing how much laundry we are able to do. The housekeeping team loves the upgrade and the new equipment is easier for our engineering team to maintain. We are even more environmentally friendly and sustainable, and with the EcoFund program we tread lighter on the planet."

- David McBean, Watermark Beach Resort GM

About GreenStep EcoFund Verified:

The GreenStep EcoFund Verified program helps businesses generate a budget to implement energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects that drive down operating costs and showcase a commitment to sustainability. <u>www.greenstep.ca</u>

Business: Watermark Beach Resort *Osoyoos, BC*

EcoFund Launch Date: February 2018

Project: Commercial Laundry Equipment



Total Project Cost: \$31,807

Project Cost Covered by EcoFund: 100%

Estimated Energy Savings: 5725 kWh & 35 GJ

Estimated Annual Cost Savings: \$865