



GREEN SPA CODE

The Green Spa Code was developed by Catharine Banach, Lutz Hertel, and Thomas Jäger for the German Wellness Association (DWV). It includes guidelines for healthy, ecological, social, and economical sustainable action in companies that offer spa and wellness services. These guidelines serve as a resource for the introduction of a new certification program that will be launched in 2011.

The essential objective of DWV is the enhancement of well-being and quality of life. We know this is not achievable detached from the ecological, social, and economical conditions. Health and quality of life are based on multifaceted influences and dependencies. They should not go at the expense of a third party. For this reason health and well-being of the individual always have to be regarded in the context of its ecological and social environment.

Operators and employees of spa and wellness providers should be aware of these coherences and consider them in their daily action. Suppliers and sub-contractors can support the development and proliferation of Green Spas with their suitable products. The guidelines a green spa is recommended to follow are subsumed below.

1. A Green Spa has its focus on the health of man. The services a Green Spa offers are dedicated to enhance the health and well-being of their clients and customers and all other persons involved.
2. A Green Spa actualizes the sparing exposure with resources in the whole production, trading, and service process with the use of innovative materials, products, methods and technologies.
3. A Green Spa respects the intact nature and biological diversity.
4. A Green Spa cares actively for a clean environment, decreases air, water-and ground pollution and cares for a recycling orientated waste management.
5. A Green Spa advances the regional economy and therewith the singularity of cultures and traditions.
6. A Green Spa assumes regional and global responsibility for its action by respecting the human rights, different cultures, and historical backgrounds. It shows tolerance and gets involved in social and ecological projects.
7. A Green Spa focuses on long-term success. Sustainable worth only arises if efficiency is aligned with environmental protection and corporate gain in prosperity.
8. A Green Spa follows the principle: healthy employees – healthy companies. Important aspects are safety, fairness, transparency, manageability.
9. A Green Spa also enhances an awareness and commitment of its clients and customers for a healthy, ecological, social and economical sustainable action.
10. A Green Spa accepts independent control as an important instrument for building up confidence to all involved. It agrees to transparency.

Every single person, company or organization can support the Green Spa code. By signing the code the signee approves these principles. His or her name will be published on the website of the German Wellness Association. Suppliers and sub-contractors are invited to sign this code as well. Companies and persons that are member of the German Wellness Association and furthermore active in the working group GREEN SPA are authorized to display the logo "Green Spa Partner".

Please note: This code is not limited to Germany or German speaking countries. It is a global source for action in sustainability management. Signees from all over the world are much appreciated.

signee's name / name of company

name of legal representative

postal code, town, country

street, no. / p.o. box

international phone number

e-mail, website

location, date

signature (legal representative)