



Days Hotel Downtown Grand Rapids Installs Innovative Aquawing “Aqua-Fusion” Ozone System

[Days Hotel Downtown Grand Rapids](#) has taken another step toward its initiative to be one of the premier eco-friendly properties in West Michigan, with the recent installation of an Aquawing “Aqua-Fusion” Ozone System in the property’s laundry room. The system was put in place earlier this week by Universal Laundry Machinery from Westland, MI.

According to Clean Designs from Boulder Colorado, which distributes the system, Aqua-Fusion is the only system that maximizes its cleaning ability and antibacterial strength through the use of Ozone. Ozone is a natural substance – a clear gas that is created when the oxygen that we breathe is exposed to electricity or to Ultraviolet light. With the appropriate application, Ozone is unmatched as a disinfectant, deodorizer, bleaching agent and overall cleaning tool. Unlike harsh chemicals such as chlorine bleach, Ozone is environmentally friendly and disappears as it cleans, leaving linens and the air you breath pure.

Perhaps more importantly, Aqua Fusion is effective at disinfecting 99.999% of bacteria in laundry, including “superbugs” which lead to Aspergillus nigre, C. diff., MRSA, HIV and Hepatitis – which are not always killed during traditional washing processes.

The Ozone system is also effective at cutting utility and labor costs, due to its ability to process laundry with mostly cold water and its ability to cut cycle times, which leads to a reduction in labor. The system uses less water, electricity, gas and detergent while at the same time offering an extended equipment life.

“We’ve worked hard to make sure we are operating in the most eco-efficient way possible,” says Ellen Markel, general manager of the Days Hotel Grand Rapids. “In fact, we recently earned our Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) Steward certification from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG).”

The installation of the Ozone system is the latest in an aggressive line of strategies that the Days Hotel has implemented in the past year to set itself apart from the crowd. Closing in on the end of a multi-million facelift, the Days Hotel has taken an eco-friendly approach to its wallcoverings, flooring, lighting, cleaning products and recycling efforts – including composting. Partially used amenities are donated to Mel Trotter Ministries (a local homeless shelter) and their used cooking oil is collected and converted into biodiesel.

“We will continue to search for local companies that can provide additional environmentally-friendly initiatives that fit in with our long-term goal of becoming the first Michigan ‘zero waste’ property,” Markel said.

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Days Hotel Downtown Pearl Street Grill



Days Hotel Downtown Standard Two Full XLong Doubles Room

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