At Zion Lodge, a Xanterra Parks & Resorts® property, we are passionate about maintaining the balance between a healthy environment and legendary hospitality in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Xanterra’s company values reflect a deep environmental ethic—one that we are committed to at Zion for the long term. Our business decisions balance economic viability with ecological responsibility: we reduce and recycle waste, conserve energy and water, and educate our guests and employees about environmental stewardship.

We are proud of earning several recent environmental awards and certifications, including the National Park Service Environmental Achievement Award, ISO 14001:2004 Certification, and the Green Seal Gold Level Certification.

We believe that increasing the sustainability of natural systems is not just good business, it is the right thing to do. Learn more at Xanterra.com.

Daisy Hobbs
General Manager
Zion National Park Lodge
Xanterra Parks & Resorts

In 2015:
We used less and did more than ever before.

- 31% less water
- 8% less solid waste

+ more:
- 68% of all retail sold is sustainable
- 36% more material recycled
- 100% of all energy from renewable sources or offset
We love serving fresh, local, sustainable food. Two of our most dedicated employees, Jason and Monique Stovall, tend Xanterra’s community garden plot in nearby Springdale, Utah. They grow healthy vegetables for the employee dining room and herbs for the guest kitchen. If you order a mojito during your stay, chances are they grew the mint!

We’ve also been composting vegetable scraps from the Zion Lodge kitchen for more than a decade. This year we added food-waste management technology that enables us to add all excess food, plate scrapings, meats, and cheeses to our compost mix. Instead of going to the landfill, this food waste is processed on-site and becomes beautiful compost, which we use in the community garden.

**The Data:**
Through our food-waste management program, we divert more than 180,000 pounds of waste from our landfill annually!

**Buzzzz**

National Parks are more than just beautiful places to visit, they are strongholds for species to survive and thrive. At Zion Lodge, we worked with the National Park Service to build a pollinator sanctuary, which serves as an oasis for bees, birds, bats, and beetles. We love seeing these creatures flying and buzzing throughout all of our native landscaping.
There’s nothing like a cool drink of water in the desert. Fortunately, Zion has some of the purest, tastiest spring water in the country—and it’s free! Yet for years, we watched guests sipping from disposable bottles of water, and tossing hundreds of thousands of them into our waste bins.

In 2009, Xanterra, in partnership with the National Park Service, stopped selling bottled water in Zion National Park. To help folks stay hydrated, we installed five water-filling stations and began selling only reusable water bottles. Eliminating bottled water immediately reduced more than 60,000 single-use plastic bottles from our waste stream…and inspired other communities to follow our lead.

What’s more, through the Bag Free Donation Program in our gift shop, we’ve raised funds to help our gateway community, Springdale, install water-filling stations, too!

**The Data:**
Americans discard roughly 50 billion disposable water bottles a year, enough to fill 850,000 school buses!

**Drink Up**
Drinking those eight glasses of water a day we are always hearing about really is good for us. Staying hydrated leads to improved digestion, more energy, healthier skin, better concentration, and increased fat burning. It is especially important in Zion’s arid climate!
Cozy

A team of historic preservation experts and architects remodeled our Western Cabins to make them more efficient and comfortable for guests without sacrificing their quaint appeal. This led to:

» 5.4% less electricity used each year
» 31,034 lbs less CO₂ emitted annually
» Much cozier cabins!