

**CAMBRIDGE**

# GoGreen Awards

2010



**CATEGORY:** *Climate/Small Business*

## **IRVING HOUSE AT HARVARD**

24 Irving Street

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- *Irving House has been a leader in sustainability in Cambridge's hospitality industry. The inn is a participant in Boston Green Tourism and has been recognized by the Massachusetts Lodging Association with its Good EarthKeeping Award.*
- *Irving House was the first hotel in Cambridge to attain an Energy Star label from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which signifies the small energy footprint of the property.*
- *Irving House has been previously recognized by the GoGreen Awards for its sustainable transportation initiatives, including providing MBTA pass subsidies to its employees, using a Toyota Prius hybrid as the company car, providing guests with free MBTA and walking maps to encourage non-automobile touring, and highlighting venues within walking distance or near a MBTA stop.*
- *Irving House has reduced its waste stream by providing recycling and composting for guests and its own operations, including common area recycling bins and providing composting at breakfast. The inn participates in the City's business composting service.*
- *Irving House has continued to find ways to become more sustainable and reduce its carbon footprint. In 2009, the inn completed the installation of 300 evacuated tubes to heat water from the sun. The tubes sit in panels on the south facing roof. Insulated copper pipes carry the heated water to a 600 gallon tank in the basement through a 'drain-back' system. This preheated water for guest use has reduced natural gas use per occupied room from 10-25% since installation.*

### **ABOUT IRVING HOUSE AT HARVARD**

*Irving House at Harvard is a 44 room guesthouse which has been providing friendly accommodations in the heart of Cambridge since 1945. For more information, 617-547-4600.*

*For More Information: <http://www.cambridgeinns.com>*



### **ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD**

*The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.*