

# Stowe Today

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### Michael's on the Hill honored for being green

Michael's on the Hill in Waterbury has been honored as an environmental leader in Vermont's Green Restaurant program.

The award was presented by Vermont Business Environmental Partnership. Owners Michael and Laura Kloeti received their Green Restaurant Award from the Deb Markowitz, secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, in a ceremony at the Statehouse.

Green restaurants are recognized for the extra steps they've taken in being environmental stewards. Through a variety of means, the Kloetis strive to educate the public about the importance of eating locally produced products and treating the environment with care. At any given time, products from at least 30 local farms are used on the menu.

The Kloetis' goal is to connect people more to the environment and to the people who produce food products, and to introduce others to the concept of eating local, clean and responsibly.

Program goals include conserving natural resources, reducing waste and the use of toxic materials, recycling, purchasing recycled products, and preventing pollution. Michael Kloeti was recognized as Vermont's first "Chef of the Year," and the restaurant has received Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and the Santé Magazine Regional Sustainable Restaurant Award.

Information: [www.michaelsonthehill.com](http://www.michaelsonthehill.com), [www.vbep.org](http://www.vbep.org).