

Wine corks from Incline's Hyatt to be turned into shoes

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe in partnership with ReCORK has launched an initiative to recycle thousands of its natural used wine corks.

Corks will be collected throughout the resort in an effort to help ReCORK in its recycling program. SOLE, a leading manufacturer of footwear products, blends the recycled corks into unique formations used in the production of eco-friendly "flip" sandals and packaging. With the flips available for purchase at Tahoe Provisions, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe will be the first venue to function as a ReCORK collection site for natural corks and a retailer of the SOLE flips.

Sponsored by Amorim of Portugal, the world's largest producer of natural cork closures, and SOLE, the goal of ReCORK is to find reuse applications for as many corks as possible – and in the process, help communicate the value cork forests play as a sustainable natural resource that must be protected.

Beginning this month, ReCORK collection boxes will be stationed at Lone Eagle Grille and other resort venues, with the goal of collecting 30 pounds or more of corks.