



GREEN POLICY 2026

We have an ongoing commitment to ensuring that we operate in as sustainable manner as possible.

From our policies on laundry, plastic, we understand our responsibilities and ensure this is at the heart of our operations.

We recognise the impact of our business on the environment and are committed to conducting the hotel in a way that ensures environmental sustainability.

We have a Green Team who are working on bringing the hotel on a journey of continuous improvements in business practices and team learning on improving overall sustainability.

Derrynane Coast Hotel has focused on procuring Green Energy contracts for our Electricity usage, and where possible look at using Electricity that is fully renewably sourced, we are working with our energy auditor to focus on reducing our carbon emissions.

We are undertaking the following actions to strive to responsibly lessen our impact on the environment wherever we sensibly can by:

- We are factoring the environment in our everyday decision making at management meetings and consults with our employees.
- We are raising awareness and encouraging our staff to carry out more sustainable business practices by informing and involving them at induction and at regular training sessions.
- Recycling paper, newspapers, glass, batteries, fluorescent and long-life bulbs, cans and cartridges.

- Operating a 'switch off' policy for office staff to turn off computer equipment, printers fans and lighting when not in use.
- For guest stayovers we offer the option of not having your bedrooms serviced and us of replenishing only requested amenities.
- Bed linens not changed daily unless requested they have a 3rd day linen change for stay-on's.
- Increased our storage areas of linen and towels to allow for less frequent deliveries to the hotel.
- Reducing our usage of harmful cleaning chemicals and replacing these with eco-friendly products wherever possible.
- Reducing our usage of paper by printing double sided and QR Code alternative options on guest welcome letter and guest activity information.
- Encouraging our guests to explore the local attractions on foot by providing information on walking routes. Walking maps to local attractions in our room directories. Including QR code for Kerry Way walks.
- Guest's receipts /invoices can be emailed rather than printed.
- Accounting operating on a no print system of invoicing
- We have started the introduction of Sensor Movement lighting in our corridors and toilets
- We have changed our guest mineral water to more sustainable Tetra pack waters in guest bedrooms complimentary. We are currently exploring the option of refillable water stations on guest corridor.
- We offer complimentary filtered water to all guests for breakfast, lunch and dinner we do not sell large mineral water to avoid additional glass use. Sparkling water is only sold from our Echo Water tap and poured from glass jug. No glass bottles purchased for water.
- Our Head chef as a policy to incorporate as many local suppliers as possible for local food miles and supporting local – examples of this are wonderful local artisan Kerry suppliers
- Trying to steer away from "single use" on breakfast buffet-individual yogurt pots and smoothie shots now made & portioned by kitchen team
- All gifts / amenities purchased locally or made in Ireland such as Vincent Hylands Wild Derrynane book , Skellig chocolates, Handmade Soap company certified as B Corp.
- Our guest magazines are made with an Irish company . All our magazines are offered complimentary to avoid unnecessary disposing of magazines. We sometimes circulate back edition that the supplier was unable to sell to avoid waste.
- As a business we have embraced the option of some employees being able to work from home

We will continue to:

- Use low energy light bulbs in public areas where possible.
- Monitor our energy consumption of gas, electricity and water.
- Use email where possible to reduce the use of paper.
- Reservations /Front office / Accounts have SOP's avoiding unnecessary printing including the option of emailing guest bills on departure.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and taps.
- Buy in bulk
- Reusing boxes, bubble wrap large packaging for lost property as much as possible
- Nespresso pods – recycled via our supplier Lryeco
- Kitchen food waste minimised and training on a regular basis.
- Our HACCP management system has a strong emphasis on sustainability and focus on employee training with the help of our waste company.
- Sales team no longer use brochures and rates card – all emailed on follow up
- Cooked food is offered to employees at the end of food service if it cannot be reused. Current exploring the option of some kitchen waste being used locally for compost .
- Keep kitchen equipment; extraction units, Bain Marie, Breakfast buffet equipment, ovens, gas, wash up equipment only on when required

We are working on projects to:

- Update our website with green travel information
- Continue to reduce our energy consumption by 10% by looking at energy saving devices such as additional movement lighting,
- Continuing with implementing LED lighting.
- Use more organic produce, seasonal vegetables and local produce.
- Use recycled paper internal use
- Strong commitment to support local community projects.
- Looking at systems for water reduction. We will always comply with the law in all our actions and will continuously review our policy to improve our environmental impact.
- As we continue our upgrade and refurbishment to the hotel we make considerable investment throughout the hotel on Windows and doors to avoid drafts.

The Derrynane Coast Hotel is dedicated to balancing our commitment to our Green Policy without compromising on the comfort, standards and enjoyment of our guests

Green Policy for our Guests

We would like to enlist the help of our guests in achieving our aims by asking them to:

- When leaving guest rooms turn off lights and TV when.
- Turn off taps.
- Limit the use of fan being turned on in room if a fan has been requested and turn it off when a window or door is open to the outside.
- Leave newspapers out of the bins so they can be collected separately by the housekeeping staff.
- Towel and Linen Policy

Our policy is to ensure that guests have a comfortable stay. Therefore, sheets will be changed every third day for a long stay guest and towels will be changed as required. Guests are asked to place all towels to be changed into the bath.

Spare Books

If you have any spare books that are in good condition which you no longer want, please leave them on the desk in your room and the hotel will offer them to other guests or donate to charity

We very much welcome your support in achieving our aims and we appreciate any recommendations you have to further improve the hotel's environmental performance.

Please feel free to email us on info@derrynanecasthotel.ie

