



Green Procurement Policy

The goal of this policy is to ensure that the products and services purchased or contracted for will align with the goals of our company's **Environmental Policy**. We will strive to purchase environmentally preferable products and services that meet the company's needs while supporting sustainability and local communities. The purchase of these products is part of our long-term commitment to environmental stewardship.

We will apply the following principles when assessing suppliers:

- **Products that are produced in close proximity to our hotels**, i.e., Killarney or Co. Kerry, to reduce transportation emissions and support local businesses.
- **Products that reduce greenhouse gas emissions** or are made with renewable energy sources.
- **Products that minimise the use of hazardous chemicals**, safeguarding the environment, our team, our guests, and public health.
- **Products containing the highest possible percentage of post-consumer recycled content**, supporting waste reduction efforts.
- **Cost alone will not be the deciding factor**; we prioritize environmental and ethical considerations.
- **Products from companies committed to sustainability**, demonstrating strong environmental performance.
- **Products that reduce air and water pollution**, contributing to a healthier ecosystem.
- **Products that minimize waste**, whether through reduced packaging or reusable design.

- **Suppliers who strive to improve their environmental performance**, provide environmentally preferable products, and can document the supply-chain impacts of their sustainability efforts.
- **Reusable products**, reducing the need for single-use alternatives.
- **Recyclable or compostable products**, contributing to a circular economy.
- **Food & Beverage purchasing will prioritize locally produced items**, with a commitment to declaring the provenance of all main foodstuffs to customers at the point of sale.
- **Products/services that are available locally, regionally, or nationally** will be favoured over overseas alternatives, with sustainability and quality prioritized over cost alone.
- **Environmentally preferable products and services**, comparable to their standard counterparts in quality and price, will receive purchasing preference.

In addition to these guidelines, we are committed to:

1. **Not using or selling products derived from threatened species.** We ensure that all items sold or used in our hotel are ethically sourced and do not contribute to the endangerment of wildlife.
2. **Selecting service providers with environmental or sustainability certification**, such as **GSTC-recognized** or **Sustainable Tourism Network** certifications, where possible. When certified businesses are not available, we assess the sustainability performance of service providers, communicate any required improvements, and ensure those improvements are implemented.
3. **Collaborating with local entrepreneurs** in the development and sale of sustainable products and services that reflect the area's natural resources, history, and culture. By fostering these partnerships, we contribute to the local economy while offering our guests authentic and eco-conscious experiences.
4. **Prioritising local and fair-trade suppliers** when purchasing goods and services, supporting ethical trade practices and the local community while reducing the carbon footprint of our operations.

By sending a clear signal to producers and suppliers about this commitment, we hope to support the wider adoption of environmentally preferable products and practices. This policy is designed to not only meet the needs of our business but also to contribute to a more sustainable and responsible hospitality industry.