



THE BREHON  
KILLARNEY

# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



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## Environmental Policy

The Brehon & Angsana Spa are committed to minimizing the adverse impact that our business activities have on the local & global environment. We will ensure our operations comply with Environmental Legislation and we will continually strive to improve our environmental performance.

### *Green Teams:*

- We have a designated Green Team & Champion which meet monthly and who monitor our progress and focus on our development.
- All Green Action Plans are reviewed on a regular basis.
- The Green Team supports our managers & employees to work in an environmentally responsible manner and provide training when necessary.
- All departmental meetings include a Green Awareness and Training segment
- Our Green Team liaises with our product suppliers to ensure our staff are trained how to utilize products and services efficiently. We have a Group Green Team meeting quarterly.

### *Auditing:*

- We audit our waste, water and energy consumption on a monthly basis to identify areas where efficiency can be improved
- We source environmentally friendly alternatives to our current fittings, fixtures and appliances
- Our major plant equipment is serviced and reviewed on a regular basis

### *Procurement:*

- We consider the environmental attributes of products & suppliers to determine the environmentally preferable option.
- Where feasible, we source local products
- When possible and where practical, we will reduce waste at source
- We actively reduce the non-recyclable waste produced by the hotel

### *Activities:*

The Brehon & Angsana Spa is enrolled on the Green Hospitality Program and has achieved the Gold Medal standard for our environmental performance.

### *Energy Management Systems:*

- A monthly Energy Management Benchmarking System is in operation and the hotel is monitored for waste, water and energy consumption

*We have a recycling program in operation. We recycle:*

- Glass
- Cardboard
- Paper
- Plastics
- Cans
- Tetra pack
- Compost
- Ink cartridges
- Batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Where possible, we donate items of clothing to charity

*Training:*

Our Managers, Green Team & Suppliers equip the departmental teams, through our monthly departmental meetings, with the skills & knowledge to carry out their duties in an environmentally responsible manner.

*Communication:*

We provide information for guests on areas of local interest- historical, cultural, local biodiversity and how they can assist locally through minimizing their impact. This information can be sourced from:

- Our Guest Directories
- The company websites
- The reception areas

We provide information to guests on how to access the hotel and local amenities via public transport, walking and cycling.

We have an information tent card located in bedrooms to advise guests that a towel re-use and waste Separation system is in operation.

Whenever possible, we contact guests and suppliers via email to reduce the amount of paper consumed by the company.

*Sourcing from Local Suppliers:*

Where possible, we do our utmost to provide support to local enterprises such as:

- Advertising in local newspapers
- Recommending local shops, services & tourist attractions to our guests
- Buying food produce from local suppliers