



## CLAREGALWAY HOTEL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Claregalway Hotel Management and Staff are fully committed to a comprehensive Environmental Policy, which includes effective waste management and responsible practices to reduce electricity, gas, and water consumption.

At the Claregalway Hotel, we care deeply for the environment, and we are constantly introducing environmentally friendly changes to help play our part in protecting our environment. We have made a number of changes over the years and each time you visit us, we hope you will see others implemented.

The Claregalway Hotel Green Team successfully completed the 50 Shades Greener Programme in 2022 and we have been awarded the 50 Shades Greener Gold Badge in both 2022 and 2023. As we continue our Green Journey into 2024 we will continue to work with FSG with annual badge revalidation

All our team are continually upskilling in this area and looking forward to maintaining changes to our business that have helped the environment in a positive way.

**Comparing 2023 versus 2022 we have further reduced our usage in the following areas by:**

Food Waste by 22%      Electricity 9%      Gas by 6%      Water usage remaining the same

Landfill Waste increased by 1%      Recycling also increased by 5%

Both of which are under constant monitoring and review by our Green Team

**Here are some of the actions we have taken to do our part in protecting and sustaining the environment:**

- We have Lossnay Air Handling Units fitted in both our Waterdale Suite and in Bia & Co. These Lossnay Fresh Air Ventilation Systems work by extracting stale air from inside the building to remove damp odours, dust, bacteria, and gasses
- We have upgraded the BMS (Building Management System) and installed a Combined Heat & Power unit. Having smart and energy-efficient technology allows not only for efficient energy usage but also energy savings and reduced emissions.
- We have a zoned heating system in place in all our hotel bedrooms.
- We have installed 3 dual electric car charging points.
- Replaced all light bulbs in the hotel with LED bulbs
- Our lights in our bedrooms are operated using room key cards.
- Sensor lights in place in back of house areas
- We have updated the use of single small bottles for shampoo/conditioner to large bottles.
- Use of aerator in Shower Heads & Hippo Bags in Cisterns
- All Food and Beverage consumables are reusable, recyclable, or decomposable products.
- We have a paperless HR process in place.
- Large reduction in accounts and front office department paper systems.
- Use of Sustainable Bio LPG as our kitchen gas.
- Commitment to 100% renewal electricity.
- Active member of Repak Ireland.

**Upcoming Plans**

- To upskill employees with the Green Skills for Life Programme
- Constant monitoring of energy, waste, and water use with an aim to reduce, landfill waste by 5%, and continue to reduce further, food waste by 3%, electricity by 5%, and gas by 5%, in the next 12 months.
- To install Solar Photovoltaic Panels in the hotel within the next two years
- Complete Energy Audit in the hotel

The Claregalway Hotel Green Team is committed to continuing our efforts in reducing our environmental impact.

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