

## **GREEN PURCHASING POLICY**

Our Green Purchasing Vision at Claregalway Hotel incorporates the procurement of products and services that have a reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose whilst fulfilling our company's needs at all times.

## **OUR 12 MONTH GOALS**

- To Support locally produced goods where possible and increase our local/regional suppliers by up to 10% across all departments
- To continue to reduce our non green product purchases by up to 10%
- To Source more Green/Eco Product options in all hotel departments and therefore increase our Fairtrade and Eco Product purchases by 10%
- Engage with suppliers to reduce their own packaging where possible
- To continue to educate and inform employees on the best environmentally purchasing choices

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Recycling system in place throughout the hotel, waste segregation in place with the support to our supplier Walsh Waste. We are an active member of Repak Ireland.
- Food Products are all sourced Nationally, 35% of the food products are sourced Locally and 25% are sourced Regionally.
- All Food and Beverage consumables are reusable, recyclable, or decomposable products.
- Food waste has been reduced by 22% in 2023 versus 2022, through food bin challenges, increased awareness amongst staff on food purchasing, production, storage, and consumption, along with a review of portion sizes and plate garnish.
- We have reduced electricity usage by 9% and gas by 6%
- We have increased our purchases of products with less environmental impact by 10%.
- Continue to educate and inform ourselves on the best environmentally purchasing choices.
- 100% Green Electricity in place.
- Green Carbon Offset in place with Gas Supplier & Use of Sustainable Bio LPG as our kitchen gas
- We have removed single-use plastic where possible and the remaining used items are 100% recyclable.
- We have a paperless HR process, an electronic booking system, and an e-invoicing system in place.
- The purchase of environmentally preferable products is part of our long-term commitment to the environment.
- Active member of Repak

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