

Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel Sustainability Policy, 2024/25

Our Commitment to Sustainability

At Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel, we are dedicated to becoming a global leader in sustainable tourism. Our commitment to environmental stewardship drives us to reduce our carbon footprint, promote sustainable practices, and provide guests with luxurious yet eco-friendly experiences. Our ultimate goal is to become a carbon-neutral and eventually carbon-negative hotel, leading the way in sustainable tourism both in Ireland and internationally.

Key Sustainability Principles

To achieve our vision, we have established several key areas of focus:

1. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- We have invested in energy-efficient technologies, including LED lighting and low-flow shower heads, to minimise energy consumption.
- We generate renewable energy on-site through our solar panels and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant, which currently covers 65% of our daily electricity needs.
- Our goal is to further increase the percentage of renewable energy usage by installing additional solar panels and exploring alternative energy sources.

2. Water Conservation

- The hotel operates using its own spring water supply and treatment plant, ensuring a self-sufficient water system.
- We actively reduce water consumption through efficient practices, including monitoring leaks and optimising water flow in taps and showers.
- Future projects include expanding water conservation efforts to include rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling.

3. Sustainable Procurement

- We prioritise sourcing products and services from local, sustainable suppliers. Our kitchen is supplied with organic fruits, vegetables, and honey from Mary's Organic
- Garden on-site, as well as organic beef from our own farm.
We have eliminated single-use plastics from guest rooms and are exploring further reductions in plastic usage across the hotel.

4. Waste Management

- We are committed to reducing waste through composting, recycling, and eliminating single-use plastics. The Treehouse has been transformed into a zero-waste zone, and we continue to develop circular economy practices.
- By 2025, we aim to implement a comprehensive zero-waste policy, further reducing the volume of waste sent to landfills.

5. Education and Guest Engagement

- We believe in fostering a culture of sustainability among our staff, guests, and partners. We offer education programs on sustainable practices, such as beekeeping and organic farming, to inspire and encourage environmental responsibility.
- We provide our team with regular 'sustainability training' to ensure that they are up to date with practices we are implementing in the resort.

Sustainability Goals

We have set measurable goals to ensure continuous progress:

12-Month Goals:

- Conduct an energy audit to identify areas for improvement.
- Implement a water conservation program and reduce energy consumption through smarter building management.
- Expand social media initiatives to highlight our sustainability features, such as electric vehicle charging stations and solar energy usage.

24-Month Goals:

- Increase renewable energy usage through additional solar installations.
- Reduce single-use plastics by 50%.
- Achieve international certification for sustainable practices (e.g., Green Key/LEED).
- Introduce sustainable transportation options for guests, such as shuttle services and bike rentals.

Long-Term Vision

- Our long-term vision is to set a new standard for eco-conscious tourism, promoting sustainability at every level of our operations. We are committed to:
 - Becoming fully carbon-neutral by continuously optimising energy and resource usage. Expanding the use of organic practices across the hotel, from landscaping to cleaning and pest control.

- Supporting local conservation efforts and community-based environmental projects.
Innovating with new technologies and practices that will allow us to minimise our environmental footprint even further.

To view our current sustainability achievements please click [here](#).

Through our dedication to sustainability, Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel will continue to provide outstanding experiences for our guests while safeguarding the environment for future generations.