

# Sustainability

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Creating a sustainable future is a responsibility we embrace with dedication and urgency.

At Dromhall, we are committed to integrating sustainable practices into every aspect of our operations, ensuring that our impact on the environment is minimized while enhancing the well-being of our guests, employees, and the communities we serve.

Our sustainability initiatives are designed to promote energy efficiency, conserve water, reduce waste, support local economies, and foster a culture of environmental stewardship.

By aligning our efforts with global standards and continuously seeking innovative solutions, we strive to lead the hospitality industry toward a more sustainable and responsible future. This document outlines our comprehensive approach to sustainability, highlighting the specific actions and goals that drive our commitment to creating a greener and more equitable world.

We are members of The Killarney Hotels Sustainability Group, a group of 22 Kerry hotels in the Killarney area, representing over 2,500 bedrooms.

It is the first sector-based Sustainability Group in Ireland & the member hotels, represented by Owners & General Managers of each property all have sustainability at the core of their values.

Dromhall Hotel is committed to reducing its environmental impact through better efficiencies in the use of energy and the minimisation of waste, packaging & water usage.

The following actions have been & continue to be taken by us to minimize our footprint on the environment:

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### **Energy Efficiency**

- **LED Lighting:** We are gradually replacing incandescent light bulbs with LED lighting & halogen versions to reduce energy consumption.
- **Energy Management Systems:** Installed smart thermostats and automated systems to optimize heating.

### **Renewable Energy:**

- Introduced an Air Source Heat Pump system for hot water generation to replace the existing gas fueled Calorifiers and enabled the hotel to run the domestic hot water on a renewable efficient system – Energy Savings of 250,000 Kwh per annum, 40% Cost Savings per annum, 52,000 Kg CO2 saved per annum.
- Installed 30Kw PV Panels on the roof of the hotel. Currently the Solar PV is creating surplus electricity and is producing 50% of the overall hotel usage on a daily basis- Energy savings 28,294 Kwh per annum, 13,451 Kg CO2 saved per annum, 20 Equivalent Trees Planted.
- **Energy-Efficient Appliances:** On-going Upgrade to energy-efficient HVAC systems, kitchen equipment, and laundry machines.
- Low temperature AHU and Heat Pumps in the Club Santé Swimming Pool , this is one of Kerry's only carbon neutral Hotel swimming and was one of the first in the country.

### **Water Conservation**

- **Hydration station** - located at front door - to enable refilling of water bottles.
- **Leak Detection:** Regular inspections and repair leaks in plumbing systems.
- **Monitoring of usage.**

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### **Waste Reduction & Management**

- **Recycling Programs:** Recycling bins for guests in bedrooms and staff offices to recycle paper, plastic, glass, and metals. Plastic big liners removed from the bins.
- **Composting:** Composting system for organic waste from kitchens and dining areas.
- **Single-Use Plastic Alternatives:** Replaced plastic straws, miniature toiletries have been replaced with Larger luxury refillable dispensers.
- **Digital Solutions:** Reduce paper use by minimising paper usage at check-in, billing. Communication methods in-room are via digital means. Staff reuse paper for internal printing works.
- **Donation Programs:** Donate unused toiletries, furniture, and excess food to local charities.

### **Sustainable Purchasing**

- **Local Sourcing:** Source food, beverages, and supplies from local producers to reduce carbon footprint and support local economies. ·Creating seasonal menus that utilize fresh, locally available ingredients to reduce environmental impact.
- **Eco-Friendly Products:** Use of environmentally friendly cleaning products, toiletries, and office supplies.
- **Sustainable Building Materials:** Use of sustainable and recycled materials for renovations and new constructions.
- **Fair Trade and Organic:** Purchase of fair trade, organic, and sustainably produced goods.

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### **Guest Engagement**

- **Green Certifications:** Pursuing the obtaining of certifications to reflect the work done and our commitment to our sustainability programme.
- **Educational Programs:** Informing guests with this document about our sustainable practices and encourage participation in green initiatives.
- **Towel and Linen Reuse Programs:** Guests have the options and are encouraged to reuse towels and linens to reduce water and energy consumption.
- **Eco-Friendly Activities:** Advocating of activities such as walking trails in Killarney National Park, bike rentals, and volunteer opportunities with local conservation projects.
- **Electric Car Charging Points:** Complimentary charging points for electric vehicles.
- **Hotel Bicycle Rentals:** Available for guests to explore the local area in an eco-friendly way.
- **Service Van:** Our maintenance service teams use an electric powered van.

### **Employee Involvement**

- **Training Programs:** Continuous education of staff on sustainability practices and the importance of reducing environmental impact.
- **Green Teams:** Creation of employee committee to lead and promote sustainability initiatives.
- **Sustainability Incentives:** Rewards for employees for contributing to sustainability goals.
- **Regular Feedback:** Encourage staff to provide suggestions and feedback on sustainability practices.

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### **Community and Social Responsibility**

- **Local Partnerships:** Collaboration with local businesses, non-profits, and government agencies on sustainability projects.
- **Killarney 2GoCup Campaign:** One of Over 45 businesses which have agreed to swap their single-use cups in-store and instead implement the 2GoCup Deposit and Return scheme as their option for takeaway drinks. This, coupled with ceramics where applicable and the opportunity to bring your own cup is the perfect solution to the throw-away disposable lifestyle of single-use cups.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Organising and promoting employee and guest participation in local environmental and social initiatives.
- **Ethical Labor Practices:** Ensuring fair wages, safe working conditions, and ethical treatment of all employees is in place.

### **Monitoring and Reporting**

- **Regular Audits:** Management conducts regular audits of energy, water, and waste management practices.
- **Performance Metrics:** Management track and report key performance indicators related to sustainability.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Regularly reviewing and updating sustainability practices based on performance data and feedback.

### **Innovation and Future Planning**

- **Stay Informed:** We are keeping up with the latest sustainability trends and technologies where possible
- **Pilot Programs:** Testing new sustainable technologies and practices through small-scale pilot programs - i.e. 2go coffee cup campaign.
- **Long-Term Goals:** Setting and pursuing ambitious long-term sustainability targets aligned with global standards.

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By systematically & gradually implementing these initiatives, Dromhall has significantly enhanced its sustainability performance, benefiting the environment, the community, and the business itself.

if you feel there are other areas or improvements we can make or look at implementing, please let us know - email: [info@dromhall.com](mailto:info@dromhall.com)

Thank you

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