

PREVENT & SAVE

Sandymount Hotel Waste Management and Prevention Programme

OVERVIEW

The Sandymount Hotel is a 168 bed, family run, 3 star hotel located in Dublin 4. The Sandymount hotel operates an integrated waste management and prevention programme which forms part of their green policy. The hotel encourages both staff and guests to get involved. Before the launch of the programme in 2013, landfill waste was on average 0.5kg per sleeper. With the introduction of the programme this fell dramatically to an average of 0.13kg per sleeper in 2014.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Auditing & Measurement

The hotel recently completed a detailed auditing process to determine how much waste of each kind was being produced and potential for improvement. Using 2013 as a baseline the hotel continues to monitor its improvements in this area on a monthly basis and implements corrective actions when required.

Employee, Training, Awareness and Engagement

From before recruitment; staff at the hotel are made aware of the hotel's green policy. The policy is brought to life in staff areas in many ways:

- Communications of goals and targets on notice boards.
- Regular training and awareness programmes.
- Department standard operating procedures which include guidance on managing and reducing waste.
- The Sandymount Green Staff newsletter regularly features updates on waste prevention and recycling.
- Staff suggestion on preventing waste is rewarded.

Guest Participation

The hotel encourages hotel guests to participate in the programme. The Green notice board informs guests about environmental practices in the hotel and provides information about the WEEE boxes available in the hotel and the items that can be recycled in the recycle bins. The website contains an environment page which informs guest of the hotel's green policy.





KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- By switching to rechargeable batteries in door locks and TV remote controls the hotel has avoided hundreds of batteries entering landfill.
- Books left behind in the hotel are recycled through the Free Wee Library.
- The Green purchasing policy means that the hotel avoids excess packaging from suppliers and can often return it for reuse or recycling.
- Food waste is controlled through ensuring correct portion sizes and care is taken when ordering food from suppliers to ensure that excess food is avoided.
- To assist the recycling of the increasing number of non-returnable glass bottles on the Irish market, glass banks are available in the Hotel car park. This means that they are accessible to both staff and guests.
- The hotel was shortlisted for a Pakman Waste Prevention Business Award in 2015 for their commitments to diverting waste from landfill.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on The Sandymount Hotel please visit:

www.sandymounthotel.ie

