

PREVENT & SAVE

The River Lee Hotel Waste Management and Prevention Programme

OVERVIEW

Nestled on the banks of the River Lee the luxurious and urban River Lee hotel is one Cork's prime business and social hubs. The leafy, waterside setting of its sunny Terrace on the Weir provides a memorable venue for anything from working breakfasts to late night cocktails and is only a short walk from Cork's vibrant city centre.

Elegant and spacious, the many guest rooms offer a range of stunning views. Guests at the hotel also enjoy a range of stunning facilities including an in-house health club, complete with gym and 20m swimming pool, an exclusive hair and beauty salon with an adjoining spa with special rates for guests.

The River Lee's commitment to managing its waste and protecting Ireland's environment has delivered real results in recent years. Through superb management support and team engagement the hotel has trebled its recycling rate since 2011.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

In 2011 the hotel undertook a programme to help increase recycling and decrease the volume going to waste. Before implementing the programme the hotel sent 75% of its waste to landfill and only 25% was sent for recycling.

The following steps were taken to help the hotel reverse these figures:

- Better segregation of materials into the correct bins.
- Use of clear plastic bags on trollies which are checked to ensure that waste streams are not being mixed.
- Regular engagement with key staff on waste management practices.
- The hotel no longer accepts cardboard boxes on site from suppliers.
- By working with their granola and muesli supplier to create an ingredient mix the hotel has avoided buying in a number of ingredients in separate packaging.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2012 The River Lee Hotel was recognised for its stunning efforts to improve waste management and won a Repak Members Award for Best Practice in the Hospitality sector.
- The Hotel has reversed the figures recorded in 2011 and now recycles 75% of their packaging waste.
- Recycling rates at the hotel peaked in March 2016 with over 81% of all packaging waste being sent for recycling.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on The River Lee Hotel please visit:
www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-river-lee-hotel.

