



Aghadoe Heights Green Procurement Policy

The aim of this policy is to ensure that the products and services purchased or contracted for by Aghadoe Heights will align with the goals of our company's Environmental Policy. We will endeavour to purchase environmentally preferable products and services that meet the company's needs while supporting sustainability and local communities and suppliers. The purchase of these products is part of our long-term commitment to work and operate in a sustainable fashion.

We will apply the following principles when assessing suppliers:

- products that are produced locally, ie in the town of Killarney or County of Kerry. This reduces transportation emissions and supports local businesses.
- Choosing producers that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or are made with renewable energy sources.
- Products that minimise the use of hazardous chemicals, safeguarding the environment, our team, our guests, and public health.
- Products containing the highest possible percentage of post-consumer recycled content, supporting waste reduction efforts.
- Prioritisation of environmental and ethical factors over cost alone when choosing products and suppliers.
- Products from companies committed to sustainability, demonstrating strong environmental performance.
- Products that reduce air and water pollution, contributing to a healthier ecosystem.
- Products that minimize waste, whether through reduced packaging or reusable design.
- Suppliers who strive to improve their environmental performance, provide environmentally preferable products, and can document the supply-chain impacts of their sustainability efforts.
- Reusable products, reducing the need for single-use alternatives.
- Recyclable or compostable products, contributing to a circular economy.
- Food & Beverage purchasing will prioritize locally produced items, with a commitment to declaring the provenance of all main foodstuffs to customers through our menus and website.

- Products/services that are available locally, regionally, or nationally will be favoured over overseas alternatives, with sustainability and quality prioritized over cost alone.
- Environmentally preferable products and services, comparable to their standard counterparts in quality and price, will receive purchasing preference.

In addition to these guidelines, we are committed to:

1. Not using or selling products derived from threatened species. We ensure that all items sold or used in our hotel are ethically sourced and do not contribute to the endangerment of wildlife.
2. Selecting service providers with environmental or sustainability certification, such as GSTC recognized or Sustainable Tourism Network certifications, where possible. When certified businesses are not available, we assess the sustainability performance of service providers, communicate any required improvements, and ensure those improvements are implemented.
3. Collaborating with local entrepreneurs in the development and sale of sustainable products and services that reflect the area's natural resources, history, and culture. By fostering these partnerships, we contribute to the local economy while offering our guests authentic and eco-conscious experiences.
4. Prioritising local and fair-trade suppliers when purchasing goods and services, supporting ethical trade practices and the local community while reducing the carbon footprint of our operations.

This policy is designed to send a clear message to producers and suppliers regarding our commitment, and we aspire to encourage and support them in their adoption of environmental and sustainable products and services. It is designed to meet the needs of the business, but in a sustainable and responsible manner and we hope to encourage others to do the same.