

PREVENT & SAVE

Westport Woods Hotel Waste Management and Prevention Programme

OVERVIEW

The Westport Woods Hotel & Spa is located in the vibrant, cultural and historic town of Westport, County Mayo. Situated in the stunning West of Ireland and along the Wild Atlantic Way, The Westport Woods Hotel is the perfect place to enjoy everything that Ireland has to offer. The hotel is situated in 14 acres of woodland and comprises 122 bedrooms, a spa and leisure centre.

The prominent feature was the woodland and it was this that triggered the original interest in the possibilities for environmental improvement. The woodland had been neglected at the point when the current owners took over the property. Tree surgeons were soon engaged and they have continued to provide regular maintenance ever since. A number of trees at the front of the hotel were aged at over two hundred years.

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Segregation

The first steps at improving the environmental situation at the Westport Woods Hotel were taken in 2002. Around this time, a relationship began with the Cleaner Greener Production Programme which continues to this day in the form of the Green Hospitality Award Programme.

In 2002 all waste was compacted on site and shipped to landfill. Steps were therefore taken to start separating recyclable materials with crushers installed for both cardboard and glass. This evolved until all waste streams across the hotel were identified.

Monitoring and Training

During the development of the programme new procedures were required. Staff training was carried out to ensure that these procedures were explained to staff and therefore effectively implemented. Ongoing monitoring has helped to identify unusual developments very quickly so that remedial action can be taken and the programme is an agenda point at management meetings so that it remains a priority at all times.





KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The hotel were recognised by Repak for their efforts in 2010 and shortlisted for a Best Practice Award – Hospitality Sector.
- The hotel has diverted waste going to landfill from over 240 tonnes in 2002 to 10 tonnes in 2016.
- The purchase of single packaging has been eliminated where possible.
- A compactor was installed in 2007 to process food waste which reduced the volume by 90%.
- Waste per sleeper has been reduced to 0.21 litres per sleeper versus an Irish benchmark of 0.86 litres and an international benchmark of 1.5 litres.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on Westport Woods Hotel please visit:

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