



The team at the Kelvin Hotel recognises that the future of Southland, our country and the larger planet is reliant on every one of us playing a part in the preservation of the natural resource.

We are pleased that you have chosen the Kelvin Hotel for you business/pleasure. You can assist us in preserving our local environment by being mindful of the actions we take to reduce our impact on the environment.

The Hotel has been working with the Environmental Management students at the Southern Institute of Technology who have completed an energy audit. We use the energy audit to identify consumption and costs, from which control measures are implemented and reviewed.

The management team is committed to review its operations on an ongoing basis to ensure that we continually improve our efforts to be more eco friendly for the good of our Hotel, Invercargill, Southland and rest of the wider community.

Recycling

Accommodation Recycling

- Bathroom amenities such as plastic bottles are recycled
- Half used tissue boxes and toilet rolls are used in staff room and staff toilets
- Hand soap and shampoo are purchased in large sizes to minimize plastic container
- On every floor there are recycling drop zones for glass, paper, cardboard & plastic

General hotel recycling

- Cardboard, paper and glass are all collected in recycle depot in the basement of the hotel and collected for recycling
- All food waste is collected in food only bins and collected by the local pig farmer daily
- Used oils & fats from the kitchen are collected monthly by registered company for recycling
- Empty chemical containers are returned to the supplier to be recycled

Administration & Back of House

- All administration and back of house have been provided with separate bins, and are held responsible for the proper disposal of their paper

- Where practical all printing is done utilizing double sided printing and reduced toner options
- All toners are recycled
- We recycle paper into jotter pads for staff use

Waste

Guest Rooms

- We use eco friendly recycled bin liners
- Where possible bin liners are emptied and reused
- We use large recyclable shower gel bottles
- Bathroom plastic bottles are recycled
- Recycling is offered and promoted to all house guests
- Every floor has recycling drop of zones, which are brought down to the basement for separation and stored for collection

Administration

- We encourage the storage and viewing on soft copies
- Accounts are offered to clients by e-mail

General Hotel waste

- Separate all food and non food waste
- Provide suitable receptacles and information around hotel that encourages recycling
- We monitor how staff manages waste
- Glass, paper, plastic and cardboard are separated in each department and then brought to the basement for storage for collection

Energy

Guest rooms

- Guest staying more than one night are given the opportunity to decline changing bathroom towels, thus reduces energy and water consumption
- Energy saving bulbs are used where possible in all lamps and lighting in the rooms and the corridors

- Staff are encouraged through information to switch off appliances and lights
- Dual flush toilet systems in most guest bedroom toilet
- Accommodation heating can be shut down in sections during low occupancy
- The main boiler has had a new heat exchanger fitted. It has been identified as being 25% more efficient.

Administration

- All of our computers, monitors and printers are energy saving
- Energy saving Bulbs are used in every part of the hotel where possible
- Lighting in public areas is switched off when there is enough natural daylight
- Turn off lights signs have been installed throughout key areas of the Hotel
- Back of house in all departments last person out is required to switch off all lights before exiting

Water

- Building maintenance regularly check that we have no leaks on the premises
- Check that the urinals are not flushing when the premises is closed
- The main tap in kitchen is fitted with trigger operated spray hose
- Identify our major water using equipment
- Inform staff about the importance of conserving water
- Water conservation signage is in place
- Extensive use of water coolers throughout the hotel, so guests have the option of refilling their personal water bottles with filtered water
- We are in the process of replacing the shower heads in the Hotel with low flow varieties.
- Dual flush toilets are used in all public areas and approximately 50% of all guest rooms

Community

The Invercargill Licensing Trust which owns the Kelvin Hotel donates in excess of 10 million dollars a year back into the community. A proportion of the Kelvin Hotels profits are linked directly to the contributions made by the trust.

Licensing Trusts have a unique social mandate – to sell alcohol with care, moderately and responsibly. Profits are not the sole objective of our Trust and with its publicly elected Board and community ownership there is a direct accountability back to the public. A key objective of our trust is to contribute to our community in a number of important ways.