



Green Policy

The team at BEST WESTERN Edinburgh Capital Hotel are committed to continually improving our working practices to help protect the environment

Measures implemented as part of our commitment to the environment:

- We segregate our waste to ensure that recyclable glass, plastic, cans, paper, batteries, printer cartridges, light bulbs and food waste are not sent to landfill
- Our food waste is collected by the Cyrenians which is a charity that supports the homeless
- The oil from our kitchen is recycled into bio fuel
- We re use paper in our offices before recycling
- When we carry out refurbishments, any furniture is given to a charity called Furniture for Less
- New double glazing and more efficient heating has been installed in our last phase of refurbishment
- Energy saving light bulbs are in place throughout the hotel
- We use local produce wherever possible
- We turn down the heating rather than opening windows
- We have a building management system to regulate the temperature across various zones within the hotel
- Guestroom TV's are not left on standby on servicing a room
- We have a towel re use scheme in our bedrooms
- Lights are switched off when not in use
- We have light sensors across the hotel to reduce energy consumption
- We have a Green Team set up within the hotel which meets on a regular basis to continually evolve our green practices
- We engage in external green events to learn best practice from other businesses
- We monitor our energy usage and have measures in place to reduce energy consumption
- All team members receive environmental training on joining the hotel and throughout their employment with us
- We have a "green fact of the day" which we share with our team to promote better green practices
- We have information on local transport, cycle routes and walking trails available at Reception
- We have a cycle to work scheme in place for our team members who can purchase a bike at a reduced price
- We support the Friends of Corstorphine Hill – a group dedicated to protecting the natural environment of the neighbouring area
- We actively engage with our local community, particularly through schools and youth groups
- We have free on site parking and recommend to our guests to travel to the city centre by public transport
- We have actively reduced the number of brochures we print and have all of our marketing collateral available on our website
- Where possible, we use natural cleaning methods to minimise our chemical usage
- We have replaced our pool filtration system and have significantly reduced the amount of water now consumed in this area
- We ask our suppliers to reduce their packaging to a minimum and re use it when we can
- All of our heating and ventilation systems are regularly maintained to ensure they are working as efficiently as possible
- We have dispensers for our soap and shampoo in our bedrooms and leisure club to reduce packaging and waste