



The Royal Hotel

Weston-super-Mare

Environmental Policy

Here at The Royal Hotel, we are committed to providing a good quality service – whilst minimizing the environmental impact on our activities.

A symbol of this commitment is our membership of The Green Tourism Business Scheme.

The scheme provides accreditation and encouragement for tourism businesses to reduce the environmental impact of their activities. By encouraging sustainable practices the scheme ensures the continued enjoyment of the environment around us for future generations.



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Legislation

International and European Directives and agreements such as the Kyoto Protocol and the EU Waste Framework Directive drive many of the UK policies and legislation. This is because failure to meet targets laid out in these Directives and agreements will result in financial penalties for the UK which ultimately will be passed on to waste producers and consumers.

Here are some of the key laws that our business should be aware of:

Duty of Care. All waste produced as part of our business is regulated by law. We have a duty to ensure that:

- 1) Our waste is stored and disposed of responsibly
- 2) It is only handled by authorised businesses and individuals to deal with
- 3) We keep a record of all waste received or transferred

Pre-treatment of Non Hazardous Waste. All non-hazardous waste must be 'treated' prior to landfill. Examples of treatment include sorting materials for recycling biological treatment such as composting or thermal treatment or incineration. You can choose to sort the waste yourself (i.e. separate recyclables from residual waste) or, if our waste provider offers the service, you can request that they sort it for you after they have collected it.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (WEEE). Regulations were introduced to encourage treatment, reuse, recovery, recycling and sound environmental disposal of WEEE.

In the majority of cases, the manufacturer/distributor is responsible for the collection, treatment and disposal of the equipment.

If you are looking to dispose of WEEE it may be collected directly from our premises or alternatively we may be requested to take it to a local licensed facility. Examples of

WEEE include: **computer equipment, electric fans, electrical and electronic tools, telephones, microwaves and kettles.**

Hazardous Waste. Hazardous waste is essentially waste that has hazardous properties that may make it harmful to human health and for the environment. This waste has legal requirements for its controlled management and disposal. You should ensure that the company that takes our waste away is made aware of what category of waste you are putting in individual containers and follow their advice.

Examples of common hazardous waste includes: **batteries, used vegetable oil, paints, fluorescent light tubes, fridges, some cleaning materials and asbestos.**