

Environmental and Ethical Purchase Policy



At Harrods Cornish Cottages, we are committed to operating in an environmentally responsible and ethically conscious manner. We recognise the impact our purchasing decisions can have on the environment, local community, and global supply chains. To align with our values and contribute to sustainability, we have developed the following Environmental and Ethical Purchase Policy:

1. Sustainable and Local Suppliers:

- We prioritise sourcing products and services from suppliers who demonstrate a commitment to sustainability, ethical practices, and environmental responsibility.
- Whenever possible, we give preference to local suppliers to support the local economy and reduce transportation emissions.
- We are committed to working with our suppliers to investigate environmentally friendly process and products.
- We will Ensure our existing and potential suppliers are aware of and understand our environmental policies.

2. Organic and Fair Trade Products:

- We strive to offer organic, fair trade, and ethically produced products to our guests.
- This includes food and beverages, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and any other consumables provided at the cottages.
- We avoid the use of hazardous chemicals where possible and will always seek a less damaging alternative when appropriate.

3. Energy-Efficient Appliances and Equipment:

- We select energy-efficient appliances and equipment for the cottages to reduce energy consumption and minimise our carbon footprint.
- When replacing or upgrading appliances, we prioritise those with high energy efficiency ratings.

4. Waste Reduction and Recycling:

- We will ensure we only purchase goods that are absolutely necessary.
- We aim to minimise waste generation by purchasing products with minimal packaging and encouraging suppliers to use eco-friendly packaging materials.
- We provide clear recycling guidelines for guests and ensure proper recycling facilities are available on the premises.

- Where possible we will repair, reuse or recycle.
 - Encourage the use and purchase of goods that contain recycled materials.
5. Locally Sourced and Seasonal Food:
- We support local farmers and producers by sourcing fresh, seasonal, and locally grown produce for our guests.
 - This reduces the carbon footprint associated with long-distance transportation and helps showcase the flavors of the region.
6. Ethical Animal Welfare:
- We are committed to promoting ethical animal welfare practices.
 - We only source animal products, such as meat, eggs, and dairy, from suppliers who adhere to recognised animal welfare standards.
7. Continuous Improvement and Supplier Engagement:
- We regularly review and assess our purchasing practices to identify opportunities for improvement.
 - We engage with our suppliers to encourage sustainable and ethical practices, promoting dialogue and collaboration for positive change. Mitigating negative environmental impacts in our procurement.
8. Transparent Communication:
- We inform our guests about our Environmental and Ethical Purchase Policy, providing them with information about our efforts to promote sustainability and ethical sourcing.
 - We encourage feedback and suggestions from guests to further enhance our commitment to responsible purchasing.

By implementing this Environmental and Ethical Purchase Policy, we strive to minimise our environmental impact, support local communities, and contribute to a more sustainable and ethical future. We appreciate the cooperation of our guests in supporting these efforts during their stay at Harrods Cornish Cottages.