

Chessington Garden Centre

Environmental Management Handbook

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- The Company** ➤ Chessington Garden Centre is a garden retail business operating from a 20-acre site on the Leatherhead Road in Chessington. It has operated from the site for over 40 years and has adopted a vision of continued development of the site using sustainable design principles
- Impact** ➤ We recognise that all retail businesses have an impact on the environment and the world's resources are not limitless. Chessington Garden Centre is seeking to reduce the impact that its retail business has on the environment.
- Social Responsibility** ➤ Chessington Garden Centre believes that it has a social and moral responsibility for putting in place environmentally friendly measures that meet all the legislative requirements that relate to its environmental aspects.
- Pollution Control** ➤ We will ensure that our operations are designed, managed and controlled to prevent pollution of the environment.
- Resources** ➤ We appreciate that expressing concern for the environment is not a substitute for positive action, and accept that financial and manpower resources have to be allocated to ensure that good environmental practice is carried out in all our operations.
- Operations** ➤ Managers at all levels in the company are committed to ensuring that environmental issues are considered carefully when making decisions about the running of the Centre.
- Environmental management** ➤ We are committed to continually improve our environmental performance and have introduced an Environmental Management System, which will enable us to monitor and control the activities that have an environmental impact.
- Procurement** ➤ The Centre operates a buying policy that includes environmental factors in its selection of products and suppliers. We will select environmentally compatible and recyclable products where appropriate.
- Education and Training** ➤ We will develop a programme of environmental education, aimed at the company's employees. We will strive to raise environmental awareness among our suppliers, our customers and the local community.
- Employee involvement** ➤ All employees are encouraged to act in accordance with the environmental policy and given appropriate training and education to do so if required.
- Waste** ➤ We will take all steps to eliminate or minimise waste at source and ensure the maximum re-use and recycling of materials.
- Transportation** ➤ The transport of our goods and waste is carried out with due regard to environmental considerations.
- Ownership** ➤ This Policy and its supporting programmes are overseen by the Managing Director who ensures that it is communicated, implemented and maintained at all levels in the company.
- Communication** ➤ A copy of this Environmental Policy is published on the Centre's web-site and available to members of the public.

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