

Sustainability Policy – March 2024

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 44 years and has adopted a vision of continued development of the site using sustainable design principles.

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. 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.

Measures & Control

We will ensure that our operations are designed, managed and controlled to prevent pollution of the environment. 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.

Managers 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.

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. All employees are provided with environmental awareness training. We will strive to raise environmental awareness among our suppliers, our customers and the local community.

All employees are encouraged to act in accordance with the environmental policy and given opportunities to contribute to environmental improvement. All our carrier bags are fully degradable and manufactured with d2w technology which changes the structure of the bag so that it is no longer plastic. Thus enabling it to degrade in the open, as much as a leaf does, causing no harm to the environment.

We are a zero landfill waste site. Everything is recycled or sold to the National Grid to use as power Transportation. The transport of our goods and waste is carried out with due regard to environmental considerations – vehicle efficiency, distances travelled.

Ownership

This Policy and its supporting programs are overseen by the Managing Director who ensures that it is communicated, implemented and maintained at all levels in the company.

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