

Green Policy

At Forest Barn Holidays, our aim is to work with the environment and not against it. To symbolize our commitment we are intent on providing a five star service whilst minimizing the environmental impact of our activities. As a member of the [Green Tourism Business Scheme](#) we try to reduce greenhouse gasses and promote the understanding of sustainability in its broadest context.

Environmental measures:

- Eco friendly Ground Sourced Heat Pumps – efficiently providing hot water and heating, they generate 3.5Kw of heat for every 1Kw of electricity consumed.
- Composting - green waste, peelings, rotten fruit & veg are composted with garden rubbish to fertilize the soil.
- Food waste – collected and fed to the chickens.
- Recycling containers for glass, cans, paper and plastic.
- Collection points for batteries and metals.
- Low energy light bulbs wherever possible.
- Eco friendly washing up liquid and cleaning products
- Recycled paper products
- Local deli and butcher provide locally produced meat, cheese, perry, butter etc.
- Our farm uses by-products from the Wooden Fencing Industry to provide fuel for the wood-burners.
- The Forest of Dean's beautiful wooded countryside is full of wildlife and nature, including Deer, Badgers and Wild Boar
- Organic fruit and vegetables delivered from www.crookedendorganics.co.uk
- Plan of local nature walks.
- The build programme for the barns not only included much recycled material including; roofing tiles, stone steps, cast-iron pipe, etc, but also utilized traditional materials such as hydraulic lime mortar and forest oak.
- Garden furniture comes from an FSC approved supplier.
- Only reusable linen, crockery and tableware are used
- Temperature adjustments when property vacant

Objectives:-

- To use only recycled paper in our marketing and admin
- To discourage the use of plastic bags
- To encourage the use of public transport and the bicycle
- To increase the range of energy efficient lighting by the use of LEDs as the technology becomes available.
- To encourage use of local suppliers for foods and crafts
- To encourage energy saving practices within our properties
- To investigate new eco ways of supplying heating and hot water
- To replace old appliances with newer 'a' rated appliances
- To choose the organic/green product when replacing old items