



Environmental Policy

Loerie Guest Lodge, its management and staff are committed to the sustainability of our environment. As an organization, we acknowledge that our business will have an impact on our environment. We hereby commit to the application of our best endeavors to minimize this impact and its affect on our community.

Specifically, we aim to reduce or ecological footprint in terms of:

- A reduction in our reliance on fossil-fuel generated electricity.
- A reduction in the use of potable water at our facilities.
- A reduction in the amount of non-recyclable waste which we produce at our facilities.
- To minimize our use of external contractors who in turn use electricity and water and produce effluent and non recyclable waste in their operations.

The management team is committed to these goals and all Loerie personnel are mandated to consider the impact of our operations on the environment. Focusing on the specific goals as outlined above, when exercising business choices on behalf of Loerie Guest Lodge. Always considering the greater community impacted by our immediate ecological environment.

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Environmental Impact Actions

Electricity consumption

We have:

- Switched our mainly electricity operated kitchen to a gas operated kitchen
- Reduced the number of refrigerators operating in the kitchen
- Introduced heat pumps on timers to minimise electrical consumption for hot water generation
- Implemented capacity-driven schedules for the activation of electric geysers in hot water generation (our hot water system idles on 2 heat pumps – with 2 geysers – but we selectively activate more heating capacity – as our occupancy increases.
- Switched from an electrical to gas operated geyser in the kitchen.
- We have installed energy efficient light bulbs – in most of the light fittings on the property.
- We switch of lights in the common area of the property when reception closes.

Potable Water Consumption

We have:

- Installed energy efficient shower heads which aerates shower water – to reduce consumption by up to 25%. It further eases the demand for hot water and concomitantly electricity.
- Only 2 out of our 24 rooms have bath tubs. We favoured showers with a view of reducing water and electricity demands.
- We have Three X 10,000 litre rain water collection tanks – each connected to the roof runoff for use in the swimming pool and the garden.

Recycling

- We are contracted to a waste paper and cardboard collection company to collect and recycle our waste paper and cardboard boxes.
- Where such municipal services are established we will commit to the further separation of our waste to allow said services to further recycle glass, plastic, tin and other products.

Suppliers

- We aim to contract exclusively with suppliers who share our views on environmental impact mitigation.
- We aim to reduce our use of environmental resource intensive services such as our laundry service by:
 - Allowing our guests the opportunity to choose if they want their shower towels dry-cleaned;
 - Only changing bed linen that has (or are suspected to have been) used by departing guests. *Specifically in our twin rooms occupied by single individuals.*
- We aim to place our orders for fresh produce such to allow sufficient supply within our practical storage space – without necessitating numerous deliveries which produce carbon emissions.

