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Guideline to Reduce Plastic Waste in Hotels

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Why Plastic is a Problem?



Impact on our Environment

8 million+ metric tonnes of plastic enter our seas every year. Over 1 million sea birds, 100,000 sea mammals, turtles and countless fish die due to plastic.



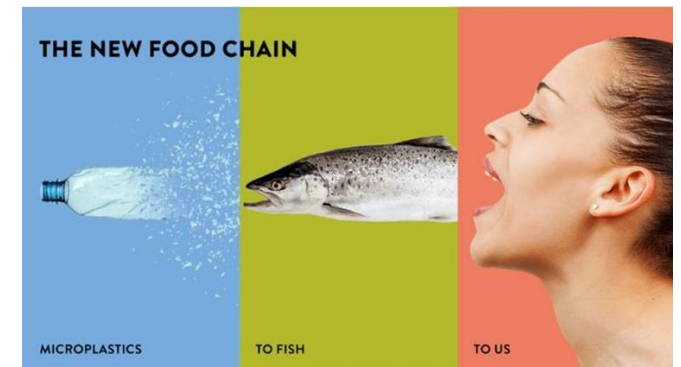
Impact on our Health

Plastic takes centuries to decompose. It breaks into micro-plastics, which are eaten by fish. These micro-plastics enter and harm human bodies. When plastic is burnt, it pollutes the air.



Impact on our Economy

In cities, plastic pollution clogs water ways and worsens the damages caused by flooding. While destroying beautiful beaches and marine ecosystems, plastic also harms tourism.



Plastic in Hospitality Sector



The hospitality industry, including hotels, is a significant source of plastic waste. A huge number of single-use plastic items is used daily in hotels nationwide.

What can be done?



Refuse



Reduce



Reuse



Recycle

What are key benefits?

- Reduced costs for hotel operations
- Positive brand recognition linked to sustainability
- Greater tourists' attraction due to a cleaner environment
- Less plastic waste in communities, landfill, and oceans
- A cleaner, healthier environment

Hotel Manual to reduce plastic



Top 9 Tips for Reducing Plastic Waste in Hospitality

1



Do not serve single-use plastic straws. Tell customers you are trying to reduce plastic pollution and, if requested, offer a non-plastic alternative (such as paper, wood, metal).



2



Instead of single-use plastic water bottles, provide water dispensers for refill and/or supply water in multi-use glass or metal bottles.

3



Switch from single-use toiletries (including shampoo, conditioner, and shower gels) to refillable dispensers.



4



Provide amenities such as razors, toothpaste, and toothbrushes only on request.

5



Serve drinks in reusable cups.



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For takeaway food, source biodegradable and compostable packaging.



7



For takeaway drinks, charge customers for plastic containers or give a discount to those who bring their own re-useable containers.

8



Install clearly labelled bins to sort waste for recycling.

9



Raise guests' awareness of plastic waste and encourage them to practice the 4Rs.

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