

How *you* can help

Eight things you can do to help save the planet.

At The Merchant Hotel we are working hard to be as green and sustainable as possible, but we need your help. We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making small choices.

Here are some ideas on how you can help while you are with us:

- 01 **CONSERVE ENERGY** – Reduce energy by switching off lights and closing windows if heating is on. The Energy Saving Trust provides information on what you can do while with us and at home. Find out more at energysavingtrust.org.uk
- 02 **LEAVE THE CAR** – Leave the car behind, if only for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport. Ask our team at reception for advice.
- 03 **SHOP LOCAL** – Use local products, they give you a flavour of the real Belfast and help support local communities. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink and arts and crafts. Ask at reception for some helpful tips.
- 04 **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** – Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag.
- 05 **BE WATER WISE** – Water is a precious resource and should be used wisely. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and consider reusing your towels.

06 RESPECT NATURE – Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycle-ways responsibly.

07 PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS – Do not travel if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been told to isolate. Observe physical distancing, wear a face covering when required. Regularly use hand sanitiser and wash your hand frequently.

08 GREEN TOURISM – This is the go-to standard for sustainability, look out for the symbol and please support those businesses that are working to reduce their carbon footprint. The award is also open to tour operators, visitor attractions, activity providers, accommodation providers, restaurants, and other businesses. Find out more at [green-tourism.com](https://www.green-tourism.com)



If you feel there is anything else we could be doing to reduce our environmental impact please let us know.

Most importantly, have a wonderful stay with us and we hope to welcome you back soon!

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