



Sustainable Procurement @ Cologin

As part of our ongoing commitment to Green Tourism we are now operating a **sustainable procurement policy** to help us manage the direct environmental effects of our business. In turn we hope to influence the environmental behaviour of our suppliers which will ultimately help to shape a more sustainable way of life for everyone.

Here are the **core principles** that we follow:

- Reduce consumption and buy only what we really need
- Source products and services locally wherever possible
- Purchase products with less environmental impact in their manufacture, use and disposal
- Buy products in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging and the energy used for deliveries
- Reduce, reuse and recycle packaging
- Where imports are essential use 'fair trade' products
- Ensure that all suppliers adhere to safe and ethical working practices.

We buy the highest quality items that we can afford and repair/service when necessary and we consider the 'life cycle cost' of our purchasing decisions, not just the initial price by considering:

- initial purchase/commission cost
- running costs
- maintenance costs
- disposal costs.

Other factors that we consider when making purchasing decisions are:

- Simplicity of equipment – avoiding overspecification
- energy efficiency of any item of equipment that we purchase
- products made from recycled materials
- products which can be recycled
- hire or rent instead of buying

As our properties are rented to customers on a self-catering basis we appreciate that we cannot control the products and purchases made by our guests. However, we hope that by using a sustainable procurement process ourselves, our guests will respect and appreciate our philosophy and support our overall aim to make Cologin as sustainable as possible and ensure its operation does the least damage possible to our wonderful natural environment.