

Cost Savings... €15,000 / Annum
Investment..... €0
Payback..... Immediate
Environmental Benefits:
Waste Reduced: 5 Tonnes landfill p.a.

Food Waste Prevention Training Saves Hotel €15,000 Per Annum

WOODLANDS HOTEL - ADARE



Description of Property

The family run, Fitzgerald's Woodlands Hotel in Adare County Limerick is a 3 star, 94 room hotel, with a leisure centre, spa, and a busy conference and events centre which caters for weddings and conferences. In 2008, the hotel was certified by the Green Hospitality Programme.



Project Description

As part of the Green Hospitality Programme, this hotel decided to reduce food waste generated during wedding events. A number of waste reduction options were chosen which included:

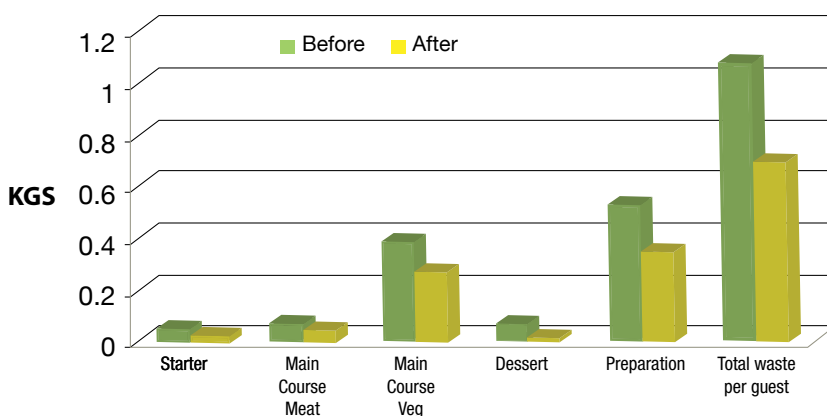
- Better portion control, when serving main courses
- Reducing waste trimmings on vegetables and meat
- Serving vegetables in large central dishes, rather than serving individual portions
- Staff awareness raising and training on food waste prevention



The Results

By applying these options, food waste generated per person served was reduced by almost 37% in just 2 months. This is equivalent to a reduction of 5 tonnes of food waste per annum. It is estimated that every tonne of food waste costs businesses €3,000 (based on purchase, storage, cooking, serving and disposal). Accordingly, the improvements made during this project equate to a cost savings of €15,000 per year with no investment required.

Food waste produced before and after staff training.



Food Waste Prevention awareness is common sense, but staff need to be reminded of it on a regular basis.

David Fitzgerald - General Manager



Monitor and weigh food waste returned from tables. This is the food waste that can be prevented.



Source Details:
Green Hospitality Programme www.greenhospitality.ie