

Environment & Sustainable Policy

We are committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of Queenstown, Glenorchy and its surrounding areas. Pure Glenorchy takes active steps to be energy efficient, conserve water and reduce waste while also contributing to conservation and our local community. We take pride in our beautiful pristine environment and want to ensure it remains as untouched as possible.

Pure Glenorchy is Qualmark endorsed and strives to achieve an excellent environmental rating by maintaining and continually improving our responsible tourism operations.

Water Conservation

- Excessive water isn't being wasted when washing vehicles by using water blaster and turning tap on just before using, then turning off immediately after finishing.
- Any water leakages are repaired immediately
- Water urn is kept at low level.
- Cups are hand-washed in kitchen sink.

Energy efficiency management

- Water urn is at low level, working well on a timer which only boils twice daily for short periods
- We only use cold tap water, no heated water
- Light-bulbs are energy saving bulbs & only used early morning/evening
- Appliances are turned off at the wall when not in use.

Waste Management

- Rubbish is brought back from tours and is effectively recycled using correct bins
- Food scraps are placed in bin for compost
- We use mechanics that recycle engine oil and dispose of car batteries and tyres properly

Reducing use of resources and being more environmentally friendly

- Our vehicles are maintained well by regularly servicing and drivers reporting any maintenance needed
- Drivers are trained so they drive sensibly and use practices that minimise fuel consumption
- Diesel use is monitored through the books in the vehicle. Staff have to note how many litres have been used. Changes can be noticed by looking at these figures. For example, heavier driving or use of the air conditioner.
- We use only microfiber cloths and towels for cleaning vehicles (no chemical cleaners or paper towels)
- We buy locally whenever possible and use products where packaging can be recycled.
- Our ink cartridges are reused and refilled
- We limit our printing in office to reduce paper and ink wastage
- We use ceramic cups and don't use any disposal crockery or cutlery

Conservation and the community

- Drivers bring back any rubbish seen on tour
- Drivers are trained to provide commentary on the environment including how to protect it.
- Drivers remain on well formed roads and don't go off-roading
- Drivers also provide information on the community, history and geological development
- Pure Glenorchy actively donates to the Glenorchy community and other local charities
- Customers are encouraged to remain on well formed tracks and leave the environment untouched.

Pure Glenorchy management and staff review our environment performance quarterly. We are constantly making improvements to ensure long-term sustainability.