

Waste Reduction



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Background

Waste disposal, litter and debris on beaches and adequate recycling facilities are major concerns in the Maldives. The country currently lacks the facilities to separate, collect and recycle or reuse materials generated by households and businesses. Most resources and items that could be recycled or composted are at present treated as waste and transported from resorts and local islands to landfill. As the country develops it seems inevitable that more consumer goods will become available, consumption will increase and so will the amount of material that will need to be recycled, reused or disposed. At Soneva Fushi, several measures are taken to help the situation through waste reduction.

Waste Reduction Strategies

- Both guests and hosts are provided with reusable glass water bottles rather than disposable plastic bottles.
- We have stopped importing well-known brands of bottled water, thereby reducing the amount of waste glass (and carbon emissions).
- Guests are encouraged to take disposable and hazardous waste items back to their own countries, where recycling facilities are more sophisticated.
- Rechargeable batteries, energy-saving light bulbs with a long lifespan, bamboo tubes for documents, purchases in bulk to avoid unnecessary packaging, the re-use of office paper, kitchen oil, waste wood and other materials are some of the many measures, through which the amount of waste on the island is reduced.

Waste Separation at Point Sources

In all heart-of-house areas such as in host accommodation areas, in kitchens, in the engineering and housekeeping complexes, waste is separated according to material type. After reducing waste in the first place, waste separation is the next important step in proper waste management and allows for its responsible recycling and disposal.

