



2023 Sustainability Policy

At Casa Kep, we are an all-welcoming guesthouse that is committed to sustainability in all aspects of our operations. We are LGBTQ-friendly; we are striving to become ADA-compliant to accommodate guests with special needs, and we welcome pets. Along with our open-door policy, we are striving to create a healthier environment for our guests and the local community.

As an environmentally friendly guesthouse, we are dedicated to reducing our environmental impact by conforming with local and international environmental regulations, aligning our sustainability goals with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, conserving natural resources, minimizing energy consumption, working to reduce the amount of waste produced to net zero, and bettering the lives of our staff and the surrounding community. We also strive to educate our guests on our environmentally friendly practices as well as discuss the design and solutions we create that promote ecological balance.

When it comes to energy efficiency, we use environmentally responsible resources such as natural gas and we also employ efficient lighting systems, and environmentally friendly cooling systems and all of our appliances have energy star ratings.

We also strive to reduce our water consumption by using efficient fixtures, such as low-flow toilets and shower heads and rainwater collection systems in addition to our energy and water-efficient washing machines.

To ensure that our carbon footprint is kept low, we are dedicated to recycling, reusing materials, composting all organic waste and continually adding to our developing permaculture garden and fruit trees.

In order to reduce our impact on the environment, we are committed to using only environmentally responsible locally sourced cleaning products and purchasing the majority of our café products from locally sourced small businesses and farms in addition to harvesting fruit from our many fruit trees.

We also promote sustainable practices such as using environmentally friendly modes of transportation, such as the local mini-buses, tuk-tuks, moto scooters and offer free bicycles for guests to use in addition to encouraging walking/hiking tours of the national park.

Our vision is to ensure that all of our operations both inside and outside the guesthouse are inclusive of everyone and the surrounding environment in which we operate as we are

committed to creating a more sustainable future for our guests and the local community. By supporting inclusivity and environmentally friendly practices, we can all make a positive impact for future generations.

2023-2024 objectives include:

- G1: To increase awareness of environmental issues in the region by 20% by 2024 through targeted social media campaigns.
- G2: To continue to develop a self-sustaining permaculture system at Casa Kep by 2024, with the goal of producing enough food to harvest for the cafe.
- G3: To create an excess food system that delivers freshly harvested fruits from the Casa Kep garden and excess bakery items to at least 10 local families in need by the end of Q4, 2023.
- G4: Design and install a greywater recycling system in the café, laundry area, and guest bathrooms by Q4, 2023.
- G5: Transition to zero waste by Q1, 2025 by establishing a zero single-use container/plastic policy and increasing the capacity to upcycle as much metal, wood, and container waste as possible.
- G6: Install a small solar system to run the café appliances and lighting by Q3, 2023.
- G7: Replace the current water pump with a solar alternative by Q2, 2023.
- G8: Design and construct a portable wheelchair ramp for the bungalow, and install handrails in the bathroom by the end of Q1, 2023.