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## Environmental Care for Accommodation Operators

As tourism operators we are dependent on the sustainability of the tourism market Australia-wide. Many tourism areas are located in or near important regional areas that rely on natural attractions for tourism e.g. Blue Mountains, Margaret River.

TakeABreak.com.au and Keep Australia Beautiful are working together to strive for the highest standards of environmental performance in tourism operation. We encourage tourism operators to pursue sustainable and responsible business practices.

We encourage visitors to respect the natural environment and provide easy access to places to stay that involve and are at one with nature including bird-watching, bushwalking and wilderness activities and ecological resorts

There are a range of activities that we undertake that impact the environment including use of electricity, paper, water and the consumption of non-renewable or scarce resources.

Keep Australia Beautiful and TakeABreak.com.au would like to encourage you, as operators, to think about the environment too, as well as to have an impact in a practical way.

- Print guest information and other office information on recycled/unbleached paper
- Install energy efficient lighting (eg fluorescent)
- Install low water use products or water flow control devices on taps and shower heads
- Regularly check and maintain taps and toilets to ensure there are no leakages
- Offer natural ventilation (through doors and windows) as an alternative to air conditioning
- Supply recycled/unbleached tissues and toilet paper products



### Make your contribution to Keep Australia Beautiful NSW

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- Become involved in community environmental initiatives such as the Tidy Towns Competition, Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Planting Day
- Use recycling bins in the office and provide recycling bins for guests
- Use compost bins in the kitchen and provide compost bins for guests
- Install 'key tag' switches and/or timers for lights, electrical appliances and heating/cooling systems OR prominently place reminders for guests to turn off lights, appliances and air conditioners when not in use
- Install energy efficient white goods (washing machine, dishwasher, refrigerator/freezer, etc.)
- Only provide guest newspapers on request, or have a display copy accessible in common areas only
- Offer guests the option of refusing bed linen and bath towels rather than automatically changing these on a daily basis
- Install tanks to collect rainwater for garden watering, cleaning and toilet flushing
- Optimise garden watering plans in accordance with local water restrictions
- Purchase recycled materials, including toilet paper and paper towels, where possible
- Plant native plants in the garden and remove noxious weeds
- Make it easy for guests to take advantage of public transportation options in order to get to your property and to local activities. (e.g. airport shuttles, winery bus tours, push bikes for hire, maps for walking etc.)
- Include an environmental care checklist for visitors in all properties to help educate them about how they can help too!

As operators concerned with the environmental sustainability of tourism, we encourage you to find out more about Eco Tourism in Australia and to apply for certification where appropriate. If you are unable to check off some of the items on this list, we ask that you consider working toward being able to do so in the future.

**Environmental Certification Resources include:**

☆☆☆☆ AAA Tourism Green STARS [www.aaatourism.com.au](http://www.aaatourism.com.au)  Ecotourism Association [www.ecotourism.org.au](http://www.ecotourism.org.au)

 Gumnut Awards for holiday, tourist and residential parks at [www.gumnutawards.com.au](http://www.gumnutawards.com.au)  Green Globe - [www.greenglobe.com.au](http://www.greenglobe.com.au)

TakeABreak.com.au operates a business system that is primarily online, rather than paper based. Within the office we encourage paper recycling and print multiple pages per sheet to minimise paper usage. Our cleaners use Enjo/non-chemical products throughout the office and we support the 'say no to plastic bags' campaign.

TakeABreak.com.au encourages tourism operators to minimise their impact on the environment including use of electricity, paper, water and the consumption of non-renewable or scarce resources as well as encouraging visitors to their host community to do the same

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Established in 1975, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW is one of the most respected community-based organisations working to preserve, protect and enhance New South Wales.

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW delivers a range of awards programs to acknowledge the efforts of community groups and councils who develop and implement sustainable environment practices. We also seek to educate the NSW public about ways in which they can contribute individually and collaboratively - to improve their local environment. [www.kabnsw.org.au](http://www.kabnsw.org.au)

