

# Sustainable use of nature resources

## Advise for rural tourism providers

This material is targeted to improve understanding of environmental impact of economic activities and find ways and solutions for rational use of nature resources. Assessment of water resources in the context of climate change and related to human activities is provided referring to research by a number of agencies and researchers. Practical tips are given regarding economy of water resources in households, tourist accommodation establishments, etc. A special chapter discusses the branches of economy involving rational use of energy resources: energy saving, use of alternative energy resources (wind, sun, water, earth), energy efficiency and other measures facilitating the use of energy saving equipment and preventing energy losses.

The chapter on use of renewable energy resources summarises the current practices in using the sun and wind energy in Latvia, advantages and drawbacks of different solutions. Issues like waste collection, sorting and processing, choice of cleaning and washing aids and their environmental impact are discussed in a separate chapter.

Attached is information about cleaning and washing aids available in Latvia, about eco-labelling used in Latvia and other countries. Attached is also a sample of Environmental plan for rural tourism establishments with explanations about its purpose, how to write it, how to draft environment review and action plan for environmental plan and supervise implementation.

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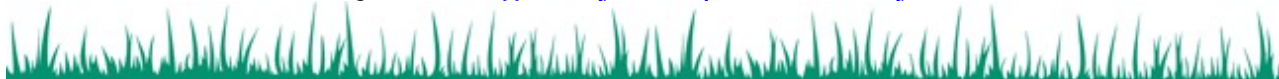
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