



Environmental Policy

Gerbera Designs is committed to becoming more environmentally aware in its business practices. Through our garden design projects we aim to positively increase biodiversity in our clients' gardens without compromising on the aesthetics and functionality. We aim to mitigate the environmental impact in all parts of our business by ensuring that all our projects enhance the area where they are designed and built and do not endanger the local environment. Gerbera Designs is committed to environmental improvement and prevention of pollution. We work with clients, landscapers, nurseries and other suppliers and the local community to adopt practices which:

Minimise waste

- by recycling hard landscaping materials and plants already present in client's gardens.
- choose products with minimum packaging.
- recycle packaging where possible.
- returning pots to our nursery supplier for reuse after planting gardens.

Improve biodiversity

- increase biodiversity in our client's gardens by using appropriate hard landscape materials. We do not use artificial grass or plants in any of our projects.
- create plant filled gardens with a wide variety of appropriate plant species.
- choose locally sourced plants wisely to suit local conditions both now and in the future.
- where possible create natural habitats for wildlife.
- use appropriate garden lighting and only when necessary.
- minimise the use of chemicals such as pesticides and herbicides.



Protect natural resources

- use hard landscaping materials which are reclaimed or from certified renewable sources.
- use peat free products for planting and soil enhancement.
- where possible minimise soil excavation in our projects.

Minimise carbon emissions

- Select hard landscaping materials which have low carbon emissions.
- Capture and store carbon dioxide in our projects by ensuring that gardens are plant filled with a wide variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs.
- Minimise soil excavation from clients' gardens.
- Consider garden maintenance practices for the future in our designs to minimise emissions.

Manage water responsibly

- Select plants which are suitable for gardens and require minimum watering.
- Capture and recycle water in gardens through the installation of water butts and other rain harvesting devices.
- Use permeable surfaces for hard landscaping where possible.

Design resilient gardens

- Create gardens which are adaptable to climate change and ongoing extreme weather events such as flooding and drought.
- Design planting with climate change in mind.
- Reduce hard landscaping and increase planting where possible.
- Design gardens which will meet the changing needs of our clients.

Gerbera Designs is committed to increasing the use of environmentally sustainable materials, equipment and technology in our projects. We also actively promote environmental awareness among contractors, clients and the general public.



Gerbera Designs also endeavours to be environmentally aware in its day-to-day business practices. This includes decreasing our carbon footprint by minimising travel where practically possible. We conduct meetings with our clients and suppliers by telephone or video conferencing facilities so face to face meetings are minimised. We use digital systems to produce our designs and try to be as paperless as possible. We keep up to date with industry developments by attending training and continual professional development events online where possible to reduce our business mileage.