



Bacon's Castle

465 Bacon's Castle Trail
Surry

"Bacon's Castle is the only surviving example of High Jacobean architecture in North America and the oldest, surviving, documented brick dwelling in Virginia. The Site operates as a house museum & historic site open for general visitation and provide group tours. Preservation Virginia's Bacon's Castle educates the public on the value of sustainable business practices and incorporates green principles in all we do."

Green Statement: "Bacon's Castle is committed to pollution prevention. Preservation Virginia's ongoing commitment to historic preservation is consistent with the best practices of protecting environmental resources. Both historic and natural resources are finite and important to preserve for future generations. Bacon's Castle hopes that other stewards of historic preservation resources will join Virginia Green attractions as responsible businesses and encourage others to protect our shared ecosystems."



CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

Recycling. Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans
- Also recycle: office paper, cardboard, and electronic equipment

Minimize the use of disposable food service products. The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content

Reduce solid waste. The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall solid waste costs

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Buildings and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Use water efficiently. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks

Activities outdoors

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Bacon's Castle uses two well water systems to provide potable drinking water and garden irrigation. Morning and as-needed garden irrigation practices are employed to help conserve water consumption. Water consumed at Bacon's Castle does not enter into any storm drains or other drainage areas and is recycled on-site. The main house employs a French drain that leached hard surface rain water into the water table for recycling.

Conserve energy. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Have installed geothermal heating and cooling

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Sustainable Actions. This facility pledges that:

- In collaboration with Virginia Cooperative Extension 4H Surry Office, Bacon's Castle educates children & the general public on sustainable agricultural programs. We invite all guests in helping Bacon's Castle reduce its carbon footprint.

For more information on Bacon's Castle, see www.preservationvirginia.org/baconscastle or contact Todd Ballance at tballance@preservationvirginia.org or 757-357-5976.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.viriniagreentravel.org or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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