



Blue Mountain Barrel House  
495 Cooperative Way  
Arrington, VA 22922

"We are a production brewery with public tasting room. Blue Mountain Barrel House focuses on barrel-aged beer."

**Green Statement:** "Like the original Blue Mountain Brewery in Afton, Blue Mountain Barrel House has a commitment to sustainability, from recycling our packaging waste, to environmentally recycling our brewery wastewater."



### 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: toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
  - Have an advanced aerobic treatment facility for brewery wastewater
- 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:
  - Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- 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
- Beer Case boxes are made of 100% recycled material

*Dining room (or during meetings/events)*

- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

*Restrooms*

- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

*Office*

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)

*Buildings and grounds*

- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- 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
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed:
  - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

*Activities outdoors*

- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



**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*

- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

*Lighting*

- Use natural lighting
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

*Building construction and renovation*

- Dust to dawn LED downturned security lights

**Other Sustainability Actions.**

- Brewery tours include education on effluent treatment and recycling processes

For more information on Blue Mountain Barrel House, see [www.bluemountainbarrel.com](http://www.bluemountainbarrel.com) or contact Mandi Smack at [mandi@bluemountainbrewery.com](mailto:mandi@bluemountainbrewery.com) or 540-456-8020.

**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](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org) or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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