



Virginia Green Attractions

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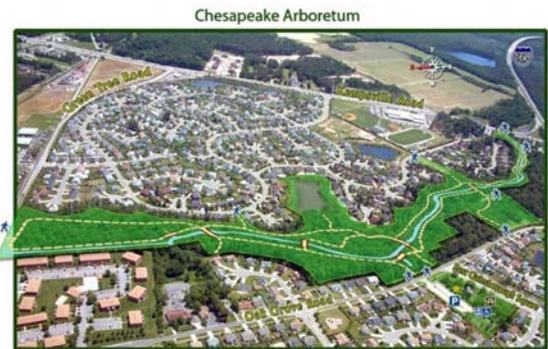
Chesapeake Arboretum Chesapeake, Virginia

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. Below is a list of this attraction’s “green” activities that guests can expect.

Chesapeake Arboretum

“The Chesapeake Arboretum is a tree sanctuary that preserves accessible urban forest (carved from an 18th century farmstead) for enjoyment and education.”

Green Statement: “Our mission involves being "Nature's Classroom". We seek to model conservation techniques and practices and to enhance environmental awareness.”



From 154 take Exit 200-B Battlefield Blvd. Turn left on East Gainsborough Square, just past Chesapeake General Hospital. Headquarters and parking will be at the corner of East Gainsborough Square and Oak Grove Road on the left side.

CORE ACTIVITIES for all *Virginia Green Attractions*

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- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
 - Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
 - Use woodchip mulch diverted from public landfills and donated by tree service providers
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Donate excess food from events
 - Compost food waste and other compostables
 - Use reusable dishware and glassware and minimize use of disposables
 - Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize single use bottles
 - Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
 - Use last-in/first-out inventory and effective labeling systems
 - Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
 - Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
 - Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
 - Purchase durable equipment and furniture

- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)



Styrofoam/Disposables Minimization. Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables and eliminate the use of Styrofoam products for take-out and left-overs. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers that are compostable and/or recyclable

Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have waterless urinals
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: pervious pavement, and the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have considered upgrading to an Energy Star Commercial Kitchen Package
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles

Green Events Package. The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Chesapeake Arboretum**, see www.chesapeakearboretum.com or contact **Sheila Clendenning** at cpkearboretum@aol.com or 757-382-7060.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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