



# Virginia Green Outdoors & Sports



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## Lakewood Trails Toano, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Lakewood Trails

Lakewood Trails offers a variety of horseback trail rides and features our most popular one hour ride on a lovely wooded trail around a private lake.

Our facility highly values the environment and we were happy to join Virginia Green in helping to preserve the environment.

Lakewood Trails uses water from our lake to irrigate the riding rings utilized in preparing our trail riders to go out on the trail. We also carefully protect the environmentally sensitive areas of the property and keep our trails purposefully narrow to minimally impact the environment.

For more 'green' specific information : [www.lakewoodtrailrides.com](http://www.lakewoodtrailrides.com)

### Virginia Green Activities

#### This facility pledges that they:

##### Recycle.

- Glass bottles
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspapers
- Office paper

- Printer/copy machine toner cartridges
- Batteries (may be required by law for NiCad and Lead-Acid)
- Electronics equipment - computers, etc. (may be required law)
- Please identify your recycling vendor(s) or service (the company and/or local government that collects your recyclables) (**required for Virginia Green**): \_\_\_\_\_ James City County

### **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.**

- Please list the disposable food service products that are used at your facility: (**required for Virginia Green**) We do not offer food services.

### **Reduce solid waste.**

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public 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.)
  - Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
  - Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
  - 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
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### **Use water efficiently.**

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Utilizes native species
- Minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Other actions taken related to water conservation & efficiency: Spread horse manure and bedding materials on fields; draw water from own pond to irrigate rings.

### **Conserve energy.**

- Track overall energy bills (**required for Virginia Green**)
- Have installed ceiling fans

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting

Source of energy

- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- 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)




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For more information on **Lakewood Trails**, see [www.lakewoodtrailrides.com](http://www.lakewoodtrailrides.com) or contact Cheryl Mathews at [cheryl.m.mathews@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.m.mathews@gmail.com) or 757-566-9633.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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