



Virginia Green Outdoors & Sports



The Mariners' Museum and Park Newport News, VA



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.

The Mariners' Museum and Park

The Mariners' Museum sits in an urban oasis – the 550 acre park is now home to the 167-acre Lake Maury and the Noland Trail – a five-mile shoreline trail with fourteen bridges. Within the Museum itself you will find 90,000 square feet of exhibition galleries including the prestigious International Small Craft Center, and the award-winning USS Monitor Center. This state-of-the-art exhibition and conservation lab houses 210 tons of artifacts from the Civil War ironclad Monitor, which were recovered from NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

The Mariners' Museum is committed to preserving its park and lake for the enjoyment and benefit of the local community. The Museum is interested in expanding our facility carbon footprint and improving energy efficiency.

IPM procedures in landscape maintenance Controlled irrigation, automatic rain sensors, drip irrigation, lake pump systems Natural wood barriers, native plants, perennial plantings, natural mulch from leaves & chips

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
- Fluorescent lamps (may be required by law)
- Please identify your recycling vendor(s) or service (the company and/or local government that collects your recyclables) (**required for Virginia Green**): _____ Old Dominion Resources, solid waste collection, recycle waste collection

Reduce solid waste.

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Use water efficiently.

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs (**required for Virginia Green**)
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
 - High efficiency dishwashers
- Use microfiber technology mops

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan that includes one or more of the following:
 - Utilizes native species
 - Minimizes lawn areas
 - Pervious pavement
- Have installed a green roof
- Have installed cisterns
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Other actions taken related to water conservation & efficiency: minimize use of long-life herbicides, minimal pesticide use, lake pump irrigation, mulching mowers

Conserve energy.

- Track overall energy bills (**required for Virginia Green**)
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- 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
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- 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
- Have joined ENERGY STAR's Low Carbon IT Challenge

Transportation-related energy use

- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles Source of energy



For more information on **The Mariners' Museum and Park**, see www.marinersmuseum.org or contact John Pascucci at jpascucci@marinersmuseum.org or 757-596-2222.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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