



# Virginia Green Outdoors & Sports



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## Riverstone Organic Farm Floyd, 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.

## Riverstone Organic Farm

### Organic Farm and Farm Store

Organic Farming is closely tied to protecting our natural resources and not polluting our soil and waterways. Being part of Virginia Green is a natural fit.

We have two wildlife/wetland designated areas. We grow certified organic product. We collect spring water and pump it with solar energy for the livestock in some pastures. We stock local, sustainable products for the farm store inventory.

### 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)

- 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***): \_\_\_\_\_ Floyd County Transfer Station

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

- Use disposable

### **Reduce solid waste.**

- Track overall solid waste costs (***required for Virginia Green***)
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other biodegradable items
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

#### Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- 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
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- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### **Use water efficiently.**

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs (***required for Virginia Green***)
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - Composting toilets
- Have an effective landscape management plan that includes one or more of the following:
  - Utilizes native species
  - Minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan that includes one or more of the following:
  - Rain gardens
  - Minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
  - Pervious pavement
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

## Conserve energy.

- Track overall energy bills (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Use natural lighting

### Source of energy

- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels



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For more information on **Riverstone Organic Farm**, see [www.RiverstoneOrganicFarm.com](http://www.RiverstoneOrganicFarm.com) or contact Kat Johnson at [katthefarmer@gmail.com](mailto:katthefarmer@gmail.com) or 650-814-6426.

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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