



Virginia Green Restaurants



Caboose Brewing Company Vienna, 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.

Caboose Brewing Company

We have retrofitted a 1960's era steel and slab warehouse. We brought the structure up to the latest energy and safety code. By starting with nothing, we were able to purchase the most efficient HVAC systems and insist on LED for all lighting within our facility.

We believe in the conservation of all resources. Since we are a public space, we can show our customers and others in the industry how they can simply conserve resources.

We believe in supporting our community by donating space to local small businesses interested in promoting better physical and mental health. We purchase our food products from local organic farmers that use sustainable practices. We give tours of our space to show the modifications we have made to make our footprint as small as possible. We continue to look for ways to better monitor our consumption of resources and we look forward to reducing our footprint further over the next couple of years, eventually adding solar photo-voltaic panels for power generation.

For more 'green' specific information : www.caboosebrewing.com/green

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Minimize the use of disposable food service items

- Use disposable containers that are made from bio-based materials
- Use disposable containers that are made from recycled content paper
- Use disposable containers that are recyclable

Recycle Grease

- Store the grease and have it picked up by rendering company
- Periodically pump the grease traps
- Filter the grease to prolong its life
- Have a contract with grease filtering company
- Use our grease to make bio-diesel

Recycle and Reduce Waste

- Glass (**required for Virginia Green**)
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Plastic
- Toner Cartridges
- Office Paper
- Cardboard
- Packing Supplies
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment - computers, etc.
- Track overall waste bills
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and / or 'sustainably-grown' foods
- Use reusable dishware and glassware & minimize use of disposables
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory & effective labeling systems
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Using 'green' Cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low-VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints that are low-VOC
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use 'integrated pest management' (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers in landscaping

Use Water Efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have high efficiency dishwashers
- Have low flow bathroom sink faucets and showerheads (sink faucets use no more than 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm), showerheads no more than 2.5 gpm)
- Have low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons or less per flush - 1.6 gpf)
- Have automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first)
- Use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan
- Utilize drought tolerant species
- Utilize metering and rain gauges
- Minimize lawn areas
- Have an effective storm water management plan
- Minimize impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

Conserve Energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
- Have evaluated existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency
- Have considered upgrading to an Energy Star Commercial Kitchen Package
- Use LED Exit Signs
- Use high efficiency compat flourescent ballasts and lamps (T-5's & T-8's)
- Have a high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting

Source of energy

- Use lighting sensors to turn on / off lights
 - Use occupancy sensors to turn on / off lights
 - Purchase ENERGY STAR computers, appliances, etc.
 - Use of directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
 - Use LEED criteria when developing new buildings
 - Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles
 - Other Activities: No incandenscent lights and 95% of lighting comes from LED's
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For more information on **Caboose Brewing Company** , see www.caboosebrewing.com or contact Matt Greer at matt@caboosebrewing.com or 703-865-8580.

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



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