



## Center of the Universe Brewing Co. 11293 Airpark Rd Ashland

"Center of the Universe is a production brewery and tap room located in Ashland, VA"

**Green Statement:** "Since our inception we have strived and succeeded on creating the smallest footprint possible for our surrounding environment. Hopefully we will be able to better track and improve on our current processes."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

**Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
- Also recycle: newspaper, office paper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

**Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)

**Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall solid waste costs

#### *Restrooms*

- 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.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

#### *Buildings and grounds*

- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

**Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

*Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Use microfiber technology mops

*Activities outdoors*

- Have minimized our lawn area

**Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time

*Heating and cooling*

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

*Lighting*

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

*Appliances and electronic devices*

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)

For more information on Center of the Universe Brewing Co., see [www.cotubrewing.com](http://www.cotubrewing.com) or contact Chris Ray at [chrisray@aotubrewing.com](mailto:chrisray@aotubrewing.com) or 804-368-0299.

**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.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen) or [www.virginiagreentravel.org](http://www.virginiagreentravel.org).



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