



## Wytheville Meeting Center

333 Community Blvd  
Wytheville, VA 24382

“Wytheville Meeting Center is a spacious, comfortable and technology friendly meeting place to hold your regional, state and multi state meetings, conferences, and special events. The meeting center is conveniently located at the intersection of Interstates 77 & 81.

**Green Statement:** “Wytheville Meeting Center is nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains surrounded by National Forest, a Wildlife Management Area and an 1800 acre Town owned Recreation Area. Nature and the preservation of wildlife and natural areas are close to our heart here in Wytheville and we feel that it is our responsibility to lessen our impact on the environment and participate in green practices whenever possible.”

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Conference Centers

- ☑ **Recycling.** All conference centers must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Recycling of office paper, and composting of waste foods are encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
  - Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
  - Have recycling bins located:
  - Also recycle office paper, cardboard.

- ☑ **Minimization of Disposable Food Service Products.** All conference centers are 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, you are 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:
  - Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups

- ☑ **Solid Waste Reduction.** All conference centers must be actively working to reduce their solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

#### *Dining room (or meetings/events)*

- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles



### *Restrooms*

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

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

### *Building and grounds*

- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)



**Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time

### *Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - High efficiency dishwashers

**Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

### *Heating and cooling*

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

### *Lighting*

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs

### *Appliances and electronic devices*

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms an the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

- Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:
- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
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For more information on Wytheville Meeting Center, see [www.wytheville.org/meetingcenter/](http://www.wytheville.org/meetingcenter/) or contact Deana Kelley at [deanab@wytheville.org](mailto:deanab@wytheville.org) or 276-223-3505.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. **Virginia Green Conference Centers** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This conference center has met the established “core activities” for **Green Conference Centers** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org) or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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