



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Fox Hill Bed and Breakfast & Cottage Suites Fairfield, 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.

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### Virginia Green Activities

#### **This facility pledges that they:**

##### **Offer optional linen service**

- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Other Activities: We don't like having signs all over the place; we simply explain if people ask

##### **Recycle**

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:
- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges

##### **Reduce solid waste**

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- 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
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Other Activities: Rain water collection system for watering plants and filling garden ponds

### Use water efficiently

- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Have installed rain barrels

### Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
  - Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
  - Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
  - Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
  - Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
  - Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
  - Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
  - Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
  - Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
  - 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 devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used
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For more information on **Fox Hill Bed and Breakfast & Cottage Suites**, see [www.foxhillbb.com](http://www.foxhillbb.com) or contact Sue Erwin at [stay@foxhillbb.com](mailto:stay@foxhillbb.com) or 540-377-9922.

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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