



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Park Street Guest House Abingdon, 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.

Park Street Guest House

Self-hosted/catered bungalow has 2 suites (each with private tiled full bathroom), full kitchen and laundry room, living room, dining room, 2 porches (1 screened for privacy), Entrance bridge and one-level floorplan. Certified Wildlife Habitat. Walk or bike to seasonal Farmer's Markets, live professional theatre, dining and shopping, hike/bike recreational trails.

There is a particular type of traveler who appreciates and enjoys night sounds, a perfect fern or bog-loving wildflower. We built the Guest House in 2012 to conform to our own environmental concerns and hope to meet like-minded guests through Virginia Green.

Since meals are not provided at the Guest House, our next best effort is to promote the availability of such items. Twice-a-week seasonal Farmer's Markets and a fully-equipped kitchen combine to simplify dietary concerns and enjoy the area's bounty. Plus a spacious dining area or screened porch to enjoy it.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps

Reduce solid waste

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- 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.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Use microfiber technology mops
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have installed rain gardens to manage storm water
- Have installed pervious pavement to reduce storm water runoff
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)

- Have installed cisterns
- Have installed drip line irrigation

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- 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
- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles
- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels

For more information on **Park Street Guest House**, see www.parkstreetguesthouse.com or contact Janet Woolwine at jwguesthouse@yahoo.com or 276-628-8433.

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



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