



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Prospect Hill - The Virginia Plantation Inn Charlottesville Area, 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.

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A founding member of "Select Registry - Distinguished Inns of America" and a "Inspected and Approved" member of the Bed and Breakfast Association of Virginia", Prospect Hill is the oldest continually-occupied frame manor-house plantation in Virginia. A most unique country inn, we specialize in romantic escapes, secluded getaways, and superb four-course fine dining... all just moments away from historic Charlottesville, Virginia. Our original rooms and cottages (circa 1699 - 1880, including several slave quarters) boast air conditioning, private baths, working fireplaces, full breakfast-in-bed, and whirlpool tubs (in most). Bed and breakfast lodging rates range from \$165 to \$395. Children and dogs (welcome in most cottages) will love roaming our 40 stunning acres. Relax and unwind at Prospect Hill, where a weekend can stay with you forever!

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- 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
- Line dry linens whenever possible
- Other Activities: We use Melaleuca soaps and detergents (ultra-concentrated, bleach-free, non-alkaline, biodegradable)

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:
 - Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
 - Cardboard
 - Fluorescent lamps
 - Batteries
 - Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.
- Other Activities: 100% of our garbage is taken to a single-stream recycling facility (not just source-separated items)

Reduce solid waste

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- 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
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- 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.)

- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- 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
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Other Activities: Use glass, refillable water bottles in guest rooms; All non-meat food waste is fed to our chickens.

Use water efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- 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)
- 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 pervious pavement to reduce storm water runoff
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Have installed rain barrels
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency 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 installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting

Offer a green events package

- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences & Events)



For more information on **Prospect Hill - The Virginia Plantation Inn**, see www.prospecthill.com or contact The Findley Family at stay@prospecthill.com or 540-967-0844.

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



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