



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Steeles Tavern Manor Bed and Breakfast Steeles Tavern, 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.

Steeles Tavern Manor Bed and Breakfast

Our lodging is a bed & breakfast. We have 5 guest rooms with living room, dining room, and social room as common areas.

We believe in water and energy conservation. We are conserving energy using a wood burning furnace that heats our water and first floor rooms. We ask our guests to conserve as well by reusing towels and bed linens during their stay. We ask that they turn off all lights when leaving their room. We have individual room temperature controls that we as owners control and not the guests. We also have initiated a recycling program to recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum.

We use locally grown products in our breakfasts whenever possible.

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

Recycle

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

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps

Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Use cloth napkins
- 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.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use microfiber technology mops
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Other Activities: Installed wood burner that heats all water in the building

Conserve energy

- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- 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)
- 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 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
- Other Activities: Installed wood burner to heat 1st floor of building and all water in building

Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events

For more information on **Steeles Tavern Manor Bed and Breakfast**, see www.steelestavern.com or contact Melissa Alexander at Stay@steelestavern.com or 540-377-9494.

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



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