



## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



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# Afton Mountain Bed & Breakfast

## Afton, Virginia

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**Virginia Green Lodging** is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

### Afton Mountain Bed & Breakfast

Afton Mountain Bed and Breakfast is an 1848 Victorian farmhouse in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The house features five guest rooms. Afton Mountain Bed & Breakfast is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

**Green Lodging Activities.** When visiting Afton Mountain Bed & Breakfast, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional linen service** in rooms
- 🌱 **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- 🌱 **Water Conservation**
- 🌱 **Energy conservation**
- 🌱 **Green events**



#### Optional Linen Service

- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

#### Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, batteries and electronics equipment
- Compost excess food wastes

#### Waste Reduction

- Fill bulk soap dispensers and shampoo bottles
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk



- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides

#### **Water Conservation**

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Rain barrels
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



#### **Energy Conservation**

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Install LED Exit Signs
- Use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways
- Purchase fuel efficient vehicles
- Purchase solar-charged, rechargeable batteries

For more information on **Afton Mountain B & B**, see

<http://aftonmountain.com>.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see

[www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging).



**Virginia Green Lodging** program is a supporting partner of **Virginia Green**, the Commonwealth's campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

