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## The Belle Grae Inn Staunton, Virginia

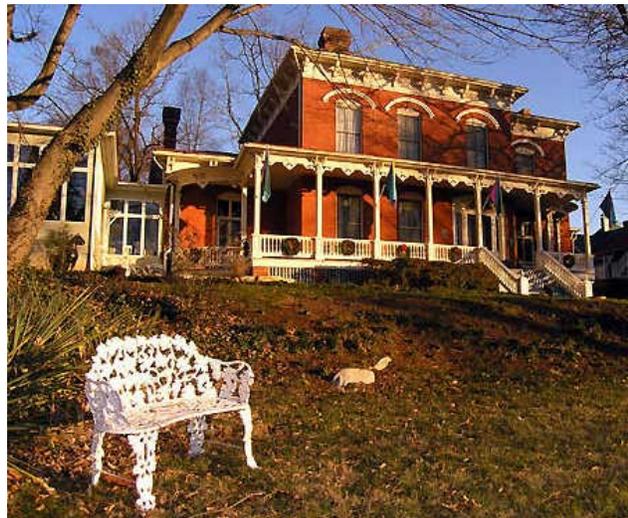
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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and 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.

### The Belle Grae Inn

The Belle Grae Inn is an elegant "city inn" and bed and breakfast featuring a fine restaurant and rooms and suites attractively priced for both overnight visits and extended stays. It is located in the quaint setting of historic Staunton, Virginia in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley.

**Green Statement:** "We feel 'going green' is the right thing to do."



### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Candlewood Suites can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day.

- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents.
- Minimized use of bleach
- Use of linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program.

- **Recycle:** Glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, and batteries
- Track overall waste bills
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Housekeeping saves and reuses unopened items
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Donation of excess food from events
- Effective food inventory control to minimize waste

- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- 2-sided copies/ printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Using latex paints
- Reuse of paint thinners
- Proper recycling/disposal of thinners and solvents
- Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Last-in/first-out inventory and effective labeling systems
- Use of less toxic materials
- Minimizing the use of pesticides and herbicides

**Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Discouraging water-based cleanup
- Microfiber technology mops
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas

**Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- High efficiency compact fluorescent lightbulbs in all canned spotlights and in rooms
- High efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Use of ceiling fans
- Use of natural lighting
- Lighting sensors
- Use of directional (downward facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areaa
- Use hybrid vehicles

**Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

- During all meetings the Belle Grae Inn recycles, uses organic food, tracks waste, and more.

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For more information on **The Belle Grae Inn**, see [www.bellegrae.com](http://www.bellegrae.com) or contact Michael Organ at [bellegrae@comcast.net](mailto:bellegrae@comcast.net) or 540-886-5151.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen) or [www.virginiagreentravel.org](http://www.virginiagreentravel.org).



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