
Cape Charles House Bed and Breakfast Cape Charles, Virginia



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.

Cape Charles House

Cape Charles House Bed and Breakfast is located on Virginia's Eastern Shore just blocks from the beach. The house is a Colonial Revival, 1912, and features five guest rooms. Cape Charles House is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.



Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Cape Charles House, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
 - Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
 - Use linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning
- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - Recycle: Aluminum Cans, Plastic, Office Paper, Newspaper, Electronics Equipment
 - Compost excess food waste
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Eliminate use of Styrofoam
 - Disposable containers made of bio-based, recycled content or compostable materials
 - Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
 - 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, organic, and sustainable grown produce and other foods
 - Filtering of grease rather than recycling
 - Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
 - Purchasing from vendors & service providers with a commitment to the environment
 - Use two-sided copying and printing

- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable furniture and equipment
- Purchase “low-VOC” carpets and fabrics
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paint and reuse paint thinners
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides



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

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan

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

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal rated windows and insulation
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

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.

For more information on **Cape Charles House**, see <http://CapeCharlesHouse.com> or contact Bruce or Carol Evans at stay@capecharleshouse.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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