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# Channel Bass Inn Bed & Breakfast & Tea Room

## Chincoteague Island, Virginia



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

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*The Channel Bass Inn Bed & Breakfast & Tea Room was developed in the twenties from a late 19<sup>th</sup> century home. Today it has 6 exceptionally quiet and comfortable guest rooms and is surrounded by English and Japanese gardens.*



**Why did we “go green”?** *To reduce the cost of operations and to conserve natural resources.*

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Virginia Green participants *self-certify* that these activities are in place, and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to the Ivy Cottage on the River can expect the following *green 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.

- House cleaners are trained on process of optional linen service
- Purchased water-/energy-efficient washers and dryers ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov))
- We minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals whenever possible

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must provide guests the opportunity to recycle during their stay. Recycling should be highly visible to guests with clear signage. Participants are encouraged to have a comprehensive recycling program, subject to market availability, etc.

- Recycling Glass, Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Plastic Bottles, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Newspapers, Cardboard, Packing Supplies, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, and Electronics.
- **Also recycled: aluminum foil, magazines, phone books, metal from renovations and other unusable materials!**
- Composting of excess food!
- We have bulk soap dispensers
- Fill up shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminated use of Styrofoam products
- Use dishware and glassware instead of disposables
- Provide condiments and cream and sugar in bulk
- Use of water pitchers instead of single-use bottles
- Purchase recycled-content toilet paper and paper towels

- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally-grown produce and other foods
- Organic and “sustainably-grown” food
- Electronic correspondence and forms
- Reused building materials and those from sustainable sources
- Latex paints
- Reuse of paint thinners and proper disposal of residuals
- Minimized use of pesticides and herbicides
- *We eliminated unwanted catalogs by using*



[www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org). *We print on the unused side printer paper.*

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

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Discourage water-based clean-up – mop first!
- *We encourage “scraping and wiping” of dishes to remove leftover food.*

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

- Individual thermostats in rooms
- High efficiency compact fluorescent lightbulbs use where practical
- *We have a solar pre-heater for the hot water supply. We use a pellet stove for heating of common areas.*

**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.

- *We ensure recycling of all beverage containers from events!*

For more information on **Channel Bass Inn Bed & Breakfast & Tea Room**, see [www.channelbassinn.com](http://www.channelbassinn.com) or contact Barbara and David Wiedenheft at [cbi@intercom.net](mailto:cbi@intercom.net) or 757-336-6148.



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



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