



## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



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# The Collins House Inn

## Bed and Breakfast

### Marion, 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.

#### The Collins House Inn

The Collins House Inn is a bed and breakfast located in the heart of downtown Marion. The completely renovated early 1920's home offers guests five guest rooms with private baths. The Collins House Inn is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.



**Green Lodging Activities.** When visiting The Collins House Inn, 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
  - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents and cleaning products
  - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- 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, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard, Packing Supplies, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, Electronics Equipment
  - Compost excess food waste
  - Track overall waste bills
  - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
  - Eliminate use of Styrofoam
  - Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
  - Non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
  - Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
  - Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
  - Purchase locally grown produce and other foods, grow own vegetables
  - Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
  - Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
  - Use two-sided copying and printing
  - Use electronic correspondence and forms
  - Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
  - Use latex paint
  - Reuse/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.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.
- Track overall water usage and waste water
  - Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
  - High efficiency dishwashers
  - Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
  - Low flow toilets and low flow 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 fluorescent ballasts and lamps
  - Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
  - Individual thermostats for each room
  - Use natural lighting and lighting sensors
  - 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.

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For more information on The Collins House Inn, see [www.collinshouseinn.com](http://www.collinshouseinn.com) or contact Sheila Quattrocchi or Dave Fields at [stay@collinshouseinn.com](mailto:stay@collinshouseinn.com) .

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging).



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