



**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.

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## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



# Dinsmore House Inn

## Bed & Breakfast

### Charlottesville, Virginia

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The Dinsmore House is a historic bed and breakfast inn located in the heart of Charlottesville. The home was built by Thomas Jefferson's master builder, James Dinsmore, in 1817. The inn features eight uniquely decorated guest rooms. Dinsmore House is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

**Green Lodging Activities.** When visiting The Dinsmore House Inn, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌍 **Optional Linen Service**
- 🌍 **Recycling**
- 🌍 **Water Conservation**
- 🌍 **Energy Conservation**
- 🌍 **Green Events Package**



#### Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

#### Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, batteries, and electronics equipment

#### Waste Reduction

- Fill bulk soap dispensers instead of using individual soaps
- Fill reusable shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam
- 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
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable furniture and equipment
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paint
- Reuse of paint thinners, and 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
- 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**

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use ceiling fans
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal rated windows and insulation

For more information on **Dinsmore House Inn**, see <http://dinsmorehouse.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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