



## THE GARDEN & THE SEA INN

### New Church, Virginia

*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 Garden and The Sea Inn

"We are a very romantic and upscale bed and breakfast close to Chincoteague Island. Enjoy our five acre yard with flower gardens, ponds, heated pool, and all the secret little spots you may find."

**Green Statement:** "As Germans, we are used to protecting the environment. We decided to continue going that way because it feels normal to us."



#### 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 The Garden and The Sea Inn 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.

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

- **Recycling:** Glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, newspaper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps and batteries
- Filling bulk shampoo dispensers instead of using individual bottles
- Instructing housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Using dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables

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

- Using micro-fiber technology mops
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Minimized paved and other impervious areas wherever possible

**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 fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Use of ceiling fans
- Use of natural lighting
- Purchasing EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances



**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 Garden and the Sea Inn, see [www.gardenandseainn.com](http://www.gardenandseainn.com) or contact Thomas Renn at [innkeeper@gardenandseainn.com](mailto:innkeeper@gardenandseainn.com).

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



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