
The Inn at Three Bridge

Powhatan, 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.

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"A unique bed and breakfast in the heart of Powhatan offering three suites with private entrances and private baths."

Green Statement: "Go Green for a healthy environment for generations to come."



CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

"☑" This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **The Inn at Three Bridge** 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. This facility pledges that they:

- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall waste bills
- Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Fill up shampoo bottles
- Purchase cups to promote/allow effective recycling
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and “sustainably-grown” foods
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Have installed high efficiency hand-dryers in restrooms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)

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

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan which minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: rain gardens
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

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

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Have an “energy management system” in place to track and meter energy usage
- Calculate the pollution factors of their energy usage
- Evaluate existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - high-efficiency hand-dryers
 - ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Purchase “Green Tags” or “Renewable Energy Certificates” to support new renewable energy resources

- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles
- Use EnergyStar's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry

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. This facility pledges that they:

For more information on **The Inn at Three Bridge**, see www.threebridgeinn.com or contact **Sally Mullikin** at Sally@threebridgeinn.com .

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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