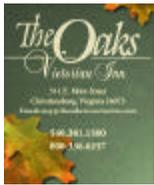




Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment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

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



The Oaks Victorian Inn

Bed and Breakfast

Christiansburg, Virginia

The Oaks Victorian Inn is a Queen Ann Victorian bed and breakfast located in Christiansburg, near Blacksburg. The house was built in 1889 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Inn features six guest rooms and a garden cottage surrounded by perennial gardens and 300 year old oak trees. The Oaks Victorian Inn is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting The Oaks Victorian Inn, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional Linen Service** in rooms
- ♻️ **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- 💧 **Water Conservation**
- ⚡ **Energy Conservation**
- 🌱 **Green Events**



- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries and electronic equipment
- Compost excess food
- Track overall waste bills
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Disposable containers of bio-based materials, recycled content or compostable
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- 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, organic, sustainable-grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- 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 “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase of durable equipment and furniture
- Use of reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paint and reuse of paint thinners
- 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
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management
- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- 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 and microfiber mops
- Low flow toilets
- Effective landscape management plan and minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Consider the pollution factor of your energy usage by using a pollution calculator
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting and lighting sensors and individual thermostats in each room
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Original double windows do not lose heat and insulation added during remodeling
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways



For more information on **The Oaks Victorian Inn**, see <http://theoaksvictorianinn.com>.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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