



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:



Old Spring Farm

Bed and Breakfast

Woolwine, Virginia

Old Spring Farm Bed and Breakfast is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains just 15 miles from Floyd, Virginia. The joint venture of the Bed and Breakfast and working farm began in 1997. Old Spring Farm is a circa 1883 Virginia farmstead featuring four guest rooms and a restaurant. Old Spring Farm is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Old Spring Farm, 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, plastic, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, and batteries
- Compost excess food

Waste Reduction

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- 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, and sustainable-grown produce and other foods
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- 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

Water Conservation

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets
- Effective landscape management plan
- Effective storm water management plan



Energy Conservation

- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- 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 whenever possible
- Thermal rated windows and insulation

For more information on **Old Spring Farm**, see
www.oldspringfarm.com.

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



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