
The Inn and Cottages at Orchard Gap

Fancy Gap, 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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Overlooking the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway in southwestern Virginia, this bed and breakfast offers 3 guest rooms and 2 cottages. The Inn was designed and built in the style of a traditional Colonial Virginia Inn. The Inn is committed to doing its part to help the environment.



Green Lodging Activities. When visiting The Inn and Cottages at Orchard Gap, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - House cleaners are trained on process of optional linen service
 - Water-efficient washers and dryers (Energystar)
 - Non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimized use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - We have signage in the rooms detailing our efforts to go green and how to participate through recycling and energy conservation!
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Plastic, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, & Cardboard.
 - Bulk Soap Dispensers
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Use dishware and glassware and minimize the use of all disposables
 - Non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
 - Use water pitchers that minimize use of single-use bottles
 - Provide condiments and cream and sugar, etc, in bulk
 - Donation of excess food from events
 - Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
 - Purchase *locally-grown* produce and other foods
 - Purchase high recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
 - Use two-sided copying and printing
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Purchase durable furniture and equipment
 - Use latex paint
 - Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
 - Use least toxic materials

- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management

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

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater bills
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Rain barrels have been ordered and will be installed soon!
- Minimization of impervious areas



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

- We have signage in the rooms detailing our efforts to go green and how to participate through recycling and 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 high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning
- Ceiling fans
- Individual thermostats for each room
- Use of lighting sensors
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal rated windows and insulation
- Directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

Green Events Package. The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events.

- The Inn is building its “green” program so that guests can be assured that their stay and any events here are as green as possible!

For more information on The Inn and Cottages at Orchard Gap, see www.innatorchardgap.com or contact Don Foster at info@innatorchardgap.com.

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



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