



The Lost Dog Bed & Breakfast

Berryville, Virginia

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



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The Lost Dog is a circa 1884 Bed & Breakfast with 3 spacious guest rooms. It is located in the Northern Shenandoah Valley approximately 70 miles from Washington, DC.

Why We Went Green? "The Lost Dog has been dedicated to "green practices" since it's origin. Many of the 1884 materials were saved from the landfill and reused as renovations began in 1999. Other materials were recycled and re worked when ever possible. Our

commitment to green practices is part of who we are, how we were raised to respect our natural resources and as a gentle reminder that everyone can help keep our planet green."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Virginia Green participants *self-certify* that these activities are in place, and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Piney Hill B&B can expect the following *green 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.

- House cleaners are trained on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents and cleaning products
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must provide guests the opportunity to recycle during their stay. Recycling should be highly visible to guests with clear signage. Participants are encouraged to have a comprehensive recycling program, subject to market availability, etc.

- Recycle: Aluminum Cans, Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries & Electronics.
- Tracking overall waste bills
- Filling up shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminated use of Styrofoam products
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Use water pitchers that minimize use of single-use bottles

- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- *Purchase locally-grown* produce and other foods
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable furniture and equipment
- Reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paint
- 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
- 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.

- We're 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
- Low flow toilets and low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- **We have a cistern and drip-line irrigation**
Our refurbished cistern collects 300 gallons of rainwater collected from the roof and is stored underground that we use to water the gardens.
- Effective storm water management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



Energy Conservation. 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
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning
- Ceiling fans
- Individual thermostats for each room
- Use natural lighting and 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. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **The Lost Dog Bed & Breakfast** see www.thelostdog.com or contact Sandy Sowada at info@thelostdog.com.



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



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