



## Windrush Farm Bed and Breakfast Eastville, 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.

### Windrush Farm Bed and Breakfast

Windrush Farm is located on the lower Virginia Eastern Shore and offers visitors two options for lodging and accommodations: the circa 1850 country manor bed and breakfast or the Windrush Cottage. The farmhouse-style bed and breakfast is child and pet friendly and has two rooms with a shared bath. Horse owners are welcome for guided trail rides.



**Green Statement:** "It turns out that our Bed and Breakfast has always been green."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Windrush Bed and Breakfast 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.

- Linens are only changed upon request
- House cleaners have been trained on process for optional linen service
- Non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable detergents
- Minimized use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

**Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program.

- **Recycling:** Glass, steel cans, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard
- Composting food wastes
- Tracking overall waste bills
- Eliminating Styrofoam use
- Using dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Using non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Using water pitchers to minimize use of single-use bottles
- Locally-grown, organic and sustainable-grown produce and other foods are used whenever possible

- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet tissue
- Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Using “green” cleaners
- Use latex paints and other less toxic materials whenever possible
- All equipment and vehicles is on a preventative maintenance schedule
- Minimizing use of pesticides and herbicides

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

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought tolerant species
- Effective storm water management
- Minimized paved and other impervious areas wherever possible
- 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.

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Purchasing EnergyStar-rated computers and appliances
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Extensive natural lighting & lighting sensors
- Preventative maintenance plan for HVAC
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways
- Installed compact fluorescent light bulbs wherever practical



**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.

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For more information on Windrush Bed and Breakfast, see [www.windrushholidays.com](http://www.windrushholidays.com) or Contact Eleanor Gordon at [lcgordon@esva.net](mailto:lcgordon@esva.net).

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