



Virginia Green Restaurants



Jonah's, a culinary emporium Richmond, VA

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.

Jonah's, a culinary emporium

VCU dining facility

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Eliminate the use of Polystyrene and minimize disposables

- Use disposable containers that are made from recycled content paper
- Use disposable containers that are compostable

Recycle Grease

- Have a contract with grease filtering company

Recycle and Reduce Waste

- Glass (required for Virginia Green restaurants)
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Plastic
- Toner Cartridges
- Newspaper
- Office Paper
- Cardboard
- Packing Supplies

- Fluorescent Lamps (may required by law)
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment - computers, etc.
- Track overall waste bills
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and / or 'sustainably-grown' foods
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use screen based ordering systems
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand dryers
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory & effective labeling systems
- Make 2 sided copies / printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Using 'green' Cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low-VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints that are low-VOC
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use 'integrated pest management' (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use Water Efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have high efficiency dishwashers
- Have low flow bathroom sink faucets and showerheads (sink faucets use no more than 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm), showerheads no more than 2.5 gpm)
- Have low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons or less per flush - 1.6 gpf)
- Have automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Have an effective landscape management plan
- Utilize drought tolerant species
- Minimize lawn areas

Conserve Energy

- Track overall energy bills

- Have evaluated existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Use LED Exit Signs
- Use high efficiency compat flourescent ballasts and lamps (T-5's & T-8's)
- Have a high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on / off lights
- Purchase ENERGY STAR computers, appliances, etc.
- Have ENERGY STAR qualified windows and doors
- Use LEED criteria when developing new buildings
- Achieved LEED certification (please indicate the LEED certification in the 'other' box below)
- Other Activities: Silver



For more information on **Jonah's, a culinary emporium**, see www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMA/VirginiaCommonwealth/Locations/JonahsatLarrickStudentCenter.htm or contact Tamara Highsmith at dining@vcu.edu or 804-628-3349.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen.



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