



# Virginia Green Restaurants



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## Randolph-Macon College Macon Coffee Ashland, VA



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**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.

## Randolph-Macon College Macon Coffee

Macon Coffee is a combination convenience store, coffee shop, deli, and grill located in Randolph-Macon College's Brown Campus Center. Open from 11 am to 1 am seven days a week, Macon Coffee can provide anything from a quick drink to a hot meal.

Our main food service location, Estes Dining Hall, has been certified as a Virginia Green facility since April 2009. Macon Coffee, while smaller in volume, is still a significant part of R-MC's food service facilities.

### Virginia Green Activities

#### This facility pledges that they:

##### Minimize the use of disposable food service items

- Use disposable containers that are recyclable

##### Recycle Grease

- Use our grease to make bio-diesel

##### Recycle and Reduce Waste

- Glass (required for Virginia Green)
- Aluminum Cans
- 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
- 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
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low-VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use latex paints that are low-VOC
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and / or disposal of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- 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 a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers 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)
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan
- Utilize drought tolerant species
- Have an effective storm water management plan
- Have rain gardens
- Minimize impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Use drip line irrigation

- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

## Conserve Energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
- Calculate the pollution factor of our energy usage by using a pollution calculator
- Have considered upgrading to an Energy Star Commercial Kitchen Package
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- 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 individual thermostats for each room
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on / off lights
- Purchase ENERGY STAR computers, appliances, etc.
- Have ENERGY STAR qualified windows and doors
- Use of directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

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For more information on **Randolph-Macon College Macon Coffee**, see [www.rmc.edu](http://www.rmc.edu) or contact Craig C. Collins at [ccollins@rmc.edu](mailto:ccollins@rmc.edu) or 804-752-3141.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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