



## Virginia Green Supporting Organizations Profile:



# Rappahannock EMS Council

435 Hunter Street  
Fredericksburg

"The Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services Council, Incorporated, exists to facilitate the development and continued operation of a high quality, dedicated and coordinated emergency response and preparedness system for the Planning District 9 & 16 region. "

**Green Statement:** "The Rappahannock EMS Council understands the importance of preserving and protecting our environment. We are confident that with the changes we make in our building, it will have a positive effect on the community, and allow others to see the importance of going green."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Supporting Organizations

**Support Virginia Green.** Pledge to promote the efforts of Virginia Green to your clients, members, and staff and encourage them to join or do business with Virginia Green participants. This supporting organization pledges that they:

- Encourage clients who are in the tourism industry to join Virginia Green.
- Strive to design projects that minimize overall environmental impacts and incorporate the use of efficient systems and sustainable materials.
- Carry and promote environmentally-friendly products and provide services that minimize the use of harmful chemicals and materials.
- Establish a travel / conference policy that encourages employees to stay in / do business with Virginia Green or similarly-minded facilities.
- Send out an email or a mailer to its membership about Virginia Green.
- Make an official Virginia Green Endorsement of some kind through its Board or other Committee to support Virginia Green.
- Include a Virginia Green feature in its newsletter or other publication.
- Display its Virginia Green certificate prominently in its facility / offices and use the Virginia Green window decals.
- Use the Virginia Green logo on signage pointing out recycling or other "green" improvements in its facility.
- Highlight its involvement in Virginia Green on its website and have a link to its Virginia Green facility profile.



**Green Meetings and Conferences.** Provide recycling and make an effort to reduce the use of disposables at meetings and conferences. This partner pledges that they:

- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials (corn, bamboo, potato starch, sugarcane, etc.)
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)

- Use reusable coffee filters
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc., in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Avoid box lunches by purchasing trays/platters of food instead.

**This association leases its office or retail space and has met with the landlord to advise that environmental issues are important to the organization. The association has informed the landlord about Virginia Green and the potential costs and environmental benefits.**

- ☑ **Recycling.** Virginia Green Travel Association must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
  - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans
  - Also recycle: newspaper, office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, and batteries

- ☑ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

*Restrooms*

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper

*Office*

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible



*Buildings and grounds*

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

- ☑ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall water usage and wastewater

*Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks

*Activities outdoors*

- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes metering and rain gauges

- Have an effective stormwater management plan that includes rain gardens

**Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages energy conservation and efficiency. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### *Heating and Cooling*

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Perform preventative maintenance on heating & air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Have installed high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

#### *Lighting*

- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed:
  - directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

#### *Appliances and electronic devices*

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

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For more information on Rappahannock EMS Council, see <http://www.rems.vaems.org/> or contact Wayne Perry at [wperry@vaems.org](mailto:wperry@vaems.org) or 540-373-0249.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Supporting Organizations** pledged to minimize their impacts on the environment. This organization has met the established "core activities" for **Green Supporting Organizations** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org) or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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