



Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center

212 South Main Street
Harrisonburg

"The Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center is where you will find local and regional information, as well as The Rocktown Gift Shoppe, Valley Turnpike Museum- where children can become a museum detective, Civil War Orientation Center- with interpretive film and walking tours, and Heritage Bakery and Café serving breakfast, lunch and pastries. The Visitor Center is open daily, Monday to Sunday, from 9am to 5pm."

Green Statement: "We wanted to join Virginia Green because we want to operate a facility that is environmentally friendly. By going green, we are pledging to do our part in helping conserve energy, water, and other important resources."

GREEN ACTIVITIES

Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Recycle: printer/toner cartridges, cardboard, batteries, light bulbs

Minimization of Disposables. Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables. This facility pledges that they:

- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Bring lunch in reusable containers, using reusable silverware, cups, & plates

Solid Waste Reduction. The facility must have a plan for actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

Dining room (for meetings/events)

- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)



- Make double-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Reuse packaging materials/boxes

Buildings and Grounds

- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- 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:

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have low flow toilets installed
- Plan to install low flow faucets

Activities outdoors

- Use an effective landscape management plan that minimizes lawn areas
- Utilize native species

Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- *Track overall energy bills*
- *Turn off all electrical appliances when not in use*

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed LED Exit Signs
- Most lights in the visitor center are LED

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

- Feature the Virginia Green facilities from our region:
<http://www.visitharrisonburgva.com/things-to-do/tours-trails/trails/virginia-green>
 - Include a Virginia Green feature in your newsletter or other publication
 - Display the Virginia Green certificate prominently in your facility/office and use the Virginia Green window decals
 - Highlight your involvement in Virginia Green on your website and include a link to their Virginia Green facility profile
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For more information on Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center, see www.VisitHarrisonburgVA.com or contact Courtney Magner at courtney.magner@harrisonburgva.gov or 540-432-8939.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Visitor and Welcome Centers** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Visitor and Welcome Centers** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

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



Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.



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