



Virginia Green Attractions Profile:



Barrel Oak Winery

3623 Grove Lane
Delaplane

"Barrel Oak Winery is a family-run farm winery that holds environmental stewardship within its core values."

Green Statement: "Barrel Oak Winery is committed to building awareness of the values of environmental protection and preservation. Virginia Green is an obvious choice in sending that message. Barrel Oak Winery (BOW) uses local grapes, both from our vineyards and other Virginia vineyards, to produce local wines. BOW is also starting to host Farmers' Markets on Sundays to promote other local food and retail vendors. We try to educate our customers about our carbon footprint and our efforts to try to reduce that footprint. All year round, we also offer retail merchandise from local artisans."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

- ☑ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities 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: steel cans, newspaper, office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

- ☑ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
 - 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!)

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

Kitchen (or during meetings/events)

- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste

Dining room (or during meetings/events)

- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles



Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- 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
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- 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

Use water efficiently. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)



Activities outdoors

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Have installed pervious pavement to reduce storm water runoff
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

Conserve energy. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed geothermal heating and cooling

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)

For more information on Barrel Oak Winery, see www.barreloak.com or contact Brian Roeder at info@barreloak.com or 540-364-6402.

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

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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