
Heritage House Bed & Breakfast

Washington, Virginia

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.

Heritage House B & B

"Heritage House is located in the historic district of "Little" Washington and proudly serves as the closest B&B to the world-renowned INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON. The B&B features 5 comfortably appointed guest rooms, all with private bathrooms and features either King or Queen beds. A delicious gourmet breakfast and complimentary libations are included in the rates."



Green Statement: "Gary & I are committed to preserving the environment for future generations. We hope to leave this world a little better than we found it."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Heritage House** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers

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

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Clearly marked recycling bins or drop off locations available for guests
- Track overall waste bills
- Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Member of Adopt-A-Highway program
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper
- All used towels and linens donated to no-kill animal shelter



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
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species
- Have an effective stormwater management plan
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- 3 of 5 rooms have stall showers that use less water
- Water/energy efficient front loader washing machine

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
- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Have an “energy management system” in place to track and meter energy usage
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Walk or bike to get around town

Green Events Package. The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

For more information on **Heritage House B & B**, see www.heritagehousebb.com or contact **Gary or Michelle Schwartz** at heritagehousebb@comcast.net or 540-675-3207.

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



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