



## Virginia Green Events



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### RVA Environmental Film Festival Richmond, VA



**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.

### RVA Environmental Film Festival

The RVA Environmental Film Festival was founded as "The Biggest Picture: Richmond's First Environmental Film Festival" in 2008 and 2009, and the James River Film Society served as fiscal agent. The Sierra Club Falls of the James Group revived the event in 2011 as the RVA Environmental Film Festival and survives through additional support from local nonprofits and businesses. The festival's goal is to offer entertaining and educational films that leave attendees with increased awareness of environmental issues that we face locally and globally. We want our event to reflect the values we are trying to educate attendees about.

reception supplies are corn based biodegradable, and compostable donated by local nonprofit, NOPE will manage compostables.

For more 'green' specific information : [rvaeff.org](http://rvaeff.org)

#### Virginia Green Activities

#### This facility pledges that they:

##### Recycle.

- Have in place clearly marked recycling locations and/or containers. Please check the items that visitors to your facility are able to recycle: (**minimum of 2 required**)
- Glass bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles
- Paper
- Cardboard
- Composting of food & other compostable items

##### Minimize the use of disposable food service products.

- Use disposable food service items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials
- Use disposable food service items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable food service items that are recyclable in your area
- Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations in your area

##### Printed Materials.

- Use electronic registration, correspondence, and forms instead of paper forms
- Print brochures and other printed items on recycled content paper
- Print all documents double-sided
- Purchase/use paper products with 30% or higher recycled-content

##### Waste Reduction.

- Track overall solid waste costs (**required for Virginia Green**)
- Chose a **location/venue** that shares a similar commitment to reducing its environmental impacts and include green specifics in contracting. Please provide the "green details" on the venue:
- Donate excess food from events
- Arrange for the composting of food waste and other compostables
- 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 and service trays/platters of food instead
- Encourage the use of mass-transit and/or carpooling to the event
- Provide for recycling of boxes and other set-up wastes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment

**Green Signage.**

- Have a link on our website to the Virginia Green Events webpage
- Have a green event section on our events webpage highlighting all of our green activities
- Have signs at the event registration which list all of our green activities
- Use the Virginia Green logo on signs and on recycling containers
- Have quantified our greening efforts and will post estimates of the reduced environmental impacts (you could use some sort of pollution calculator, such as [www.cleanerandgreener.org/resources/pollutioncalculator.htm](http://www.cleanerandgreener.org/resources/pollutioncalculator.htm))



For more information on **RVA Environmental Film Festival**, see [rvaeff.org](http://rvaeff.org) or contact Tamara Smith at [tamsmith47@gmail.com](mailto:tamsmith47@gmail.com) or 804-562-2500.

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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