



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Wolf Creek Farm Ararat, 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.

Wolf Creek Farm

Wolf Creek Farm has two guest rooms with private baths and guest library in the historical part of our home. Our cottage is a separate lodging experience for couples or families desiring more privacy.

Wolf Creek Farm has been recycling since our locating here in 2003 because we have always recycled as a family. We encourage our guests to recycle and use our environmental habits to teach others how easy it is.

For more 'green' specific information : www.wolfcreekfarmva.com

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:
- Glass Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Plastic Bottles
- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Batteries

Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- 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
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- 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
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have minimized our lawn area

- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

Conserve energy

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- 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



For more information on **Wolf Creek Farm**, see www.wolfcreekfarmva.com or contact Cindy Hoback at info@wolfcreekfarmva.com or 800-416-9653.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen.



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