



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Uphill House B&B Gordonsville, 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.

Uphill House B&B

The Uphill House B & B is a modern bed and breakfast facility. We offer five beautiful guest rooms with in suite bathrooms.

We are extremely environmentally cautious individuals and wanted that to transfer to our business outlook. This also allows us to educate our guests on being green.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable wet cleaning for dry-clean only items
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

Reduce solid waste

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from recycled content
- Use and compost disposable containers made of compostable material (corn, bamboo, potato starch, sugarcane, etc.)
- 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
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Re-use paint thinners
- 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

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)

Offer a green events package

- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences & Events)



For more information on **Uphill House B&B**, see www.uphillhousebandb.com or contact Sam Darling at uphillhousebb@gmail.com or 540-923-0119.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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