



# Virginia Green Restaurants



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## Blue Mountain Brewery and Hop Farm Afton, VA



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**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.

## Blue Mountain Brewery and Hop Farm

Blue Mountain Brewery and Hops Farm is a farm brewery, growing their own hops. Stop by and sample the fine, small-batch beers, enjoy a salad, sandwich or cheese plate from the kitchen, see the hops vines, or tour the brewing facility.

### Virginia Green Activities

#### Eliminate the use of Styrofoam and minimize disposables

- OTHER specifics related to your Styrofoam elimination efforts: Use disposable containers that are made from recycled content materials

#### Recycle Grease

- Do not have grease to be recycled

#### Recycle and Reduce Waste

- Glass (required for Virginia Green restaurants)
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Plastic
- Toner Cartridges

- Newspaper
- Office Paper
- Cardboard
- Packing Supplies
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Use screen based ordering systems
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory & effective labeling systems
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Make 2 sided copies / printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Using 'green' Cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints that are low-VOC
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- OTHER specifics related to Waste Reduction - Return bread boxes for reuse, fill up growlers-to-go so customers can reuse bottles, offer custo

### **Use Water Efficiently**

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first)
- Use cisterns
- Use rain barrels ([www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/index.htm))
- Use drip line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- OTHER specifics related to Water Conservation & Efficiency Rain barrels are directly connected to irrigation system for hop farm

### **Conserve Energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Have a high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase ENERGY STAR computers, appliances, etc.
- Use of directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

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For more information on **Blue Mountain Brewery and Hop Farm**, see [www.bluemountainbrewery.com](http://www.bluemountainbrewery.com) or contact Mandi Smack at [bluemountainbrewery@yahoo.com](mailto:bluemountainbrewery@yahoo.com) or 540-456-8020.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen).



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