



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## The Cabins at Rose River Farm Syria, 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.

## The Cabins at Rose River Farm

We are a luxury rental cabin facility

Going green just makes sense. We operate our Farm on green principles and can't imagine not running our luxury rental cabins in the same fashion.

All of the beef we raise on the Farm utilizes sustainable food practices and we have fenced all the cattle out of our trophy trout waters. We have also planted many trees along the river to provide a vegetated buffer to protect the precious waters of the Rose River.

### 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
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable wet cleaning for dry-clean only items
- 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
- Plastic Bottles
- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges

### **Reduce solid waste**

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- 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
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- 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 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
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

### **Conserve energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- 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 installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- 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

### **Offer a green events package**

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

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For more information on **The Cabins at Rose River Farm**, see [www.roseriverfarm.com/accommodations.html](http://www.roseriverfarm.com/accommodations.html) or contact Douglas Dear at [Info@RoseRiverFarm.com](mailto:Info@RoseRiverFarm.com) or 703-930-8229.

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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