



Virginia Green Restaurants



Hamiltons' at First & Main Charlottesville, 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.

Hamiltons' at First & Main

Hamiltons' is a contemporary American Fine Dining restaurant on Charlottesville's Historic Downtown Mall.

Our clientele appreciates patronizing restaurants/businesses that buy local and strive to help improve the environment.

Virginia Green Activities

Eliminate the use of Styrofoam and minimize disposables

- Use disposable containers that are made from recycled content paper
- Use disposable containers that are recyclable

Recycle Grease

- Store the grease and have it picked up by rendering company
- Periodically pump the grease traps

Recycle and Reduce Waste

- Glass (required for Virginia Green restaurants)
- Toner Cartridges
- Cardboard

- Fluorescent Lamps (required by law)
- Batteries (required by law for NiCad and Lead-Acid)
- Electronics equipment - computers, etc. (may be required by law)
- Track overall waste bills
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and / or 'sustainably-grown' foods
- Use reusable dishware and glassware & minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use screen based ordering systems
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Properly recycle and / or disposal of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

Use Water Efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have high efficiency dishwashers
- Have low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons or less per flush - 1.6 gpf)
- Use microfiber technology mops

Conserve Energy

- Track overall energy bills
 - Have a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
 - Use high efficiency compat fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5's & T-8's)
 - Have a high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) system
 - Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
 - Use natural lighting
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For more information on **Hamiltons' at First & Main**, see www.hamiltonsrestaurant.com or contact Bill hamilton at mail@hamiltonsrestaurant.com or 434-295-6649.

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



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