



# Virginia Green Restaurants



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## Stone Soup Books & Cafe Waynesboro, 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.

### Stone Soup Books & Cafe

We are a Bookstore & Cafe located in a re-habilitated 115 year old house. Located in the heart of downtown Waynesboro, our patios are surrounded by carefully chose native plants and herbs that are used in our kitchen and fed by our kitchen compost. We also recycle and find new homes for books as a used bookstore.

We have aimed to put in Green practices since inception 3 years ago because it makes sense - saves money, saves resources and we have a responsibility to the environment for gifting us with so much natural beauty in the Shenandoah Valley at the foot of the Blue Ridge.

We do herb beds in the front and back around our patios which keeps us away from grass, is tolerant to less water, is beautiful and fragrant, useful to our chef, and instructive to our customers.

### Virginia Green Activities

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

- Use disposable containers that are made from recycled content paper

#### Recycle Grease

- Do not have grease to be recycled

#### Recycle and Reduce Waste

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

- Newspaper
- Office Paper
- Cardboard
- Track overall waste bills
- Donate excess food from events
- 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
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers in landscaping
- OTHER specifics related to Waste Reduction Our Cafe is surrounded by gardens that are fed by compost bins that take in waste from our kitchen

### **Use Water Efficiently**

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan
- Utilize drought tolerant species
- Minimize lawn areas
- Have an effective storm water management plan
- Minimize impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)

### **Conserve Energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Have evaluated existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency
- Use ceiling fans
- Have a high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed additional insulation

- Use natural lighting
- Have ENERGY STAR qualified windows and doors



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For more information on **Stone Soup Books & Cafe**, see [www.stonesoupbooks.net](http://www.stonesoupbooks.net) or contact Mary Katharine Froehlich at [mary@stonesoupbooks.net](mailto:mary@stonesoupbooks.net) or 540-943-0084.

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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