



# Virginia Green Restaurants



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## Press 626 cafe & wine bar Norfolk, 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.

## Press 626 cafe & wine bar

Press 626 Café and Wine Bar is a restaurant open 11 am to 11 pm, Monday through Friday, and 5-11 pm on Saturday. We serve paninis, small plates, and entrees along with affordable wine.

We decided to go green because it's easy to take small steps which impact in a big way.

### Virginia Green Activities

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

- Use disposable containers that are made from bio-based materials
- Use disposable containers that are made from recycled content paper
- Use disposable containers that are compostable

#### Recycle Grease

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

#### Recycle and Reduce Waste

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

- Office Paper
- Cardboard
- Packing Supplies
- Fluorescent Lamps (required by law)
- Batteries (required by law for NiCad and Lead-Acid)
- Electronics equipment - computers, etc. (may be required by law)
- Donate excess food from events
- 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
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use Virginia Green logo to indicate organic, local, or sustainable menu choices
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory & effective labeling systems
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2 sided copies / printed materials
- Using 'green' Cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- 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 less toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### **Use Water Efficiently**

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first)
- Minimize lawn areas

### **Conserve Energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on / off lights
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles



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For more information on **Press 626 cafe & wine bar**, see [www.press626.com](http://www.press626.com) or contact Lindsay Bennett at [press626@live.com](mailto:press626@live.com) or 757-282-6234.

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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