



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Antietam's Jacob Rohrbach Inn B&B



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<https://jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/>
Lodging
Member since September 2019

Management and Leadership

Environmental Team

The innkeepers are the environmental team of the Jacob Rohrbach Inn. Our mission is to conserve energy, preserve our natural resources, and reduce our environmental impact as a business. We develop our environmental goals seasonally.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We are a small, self-run business that opts for sustainable products whenever possible. We offer biodegradable soaps to our guests. We also fit our beds with micro-fiber sheets, which are recyclable.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We strive to obtain locally sourced food, and refuse to serve from single-use, wasteful products, such as styrofoam.

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

The property is a certified National Wildlife Federation Habitat for birds, small animals, and insects (bees, butterflies, etc.). We are working to become a BayWise certified property next year.

Waste

Recycling

Recycling receptacles are placed outside of each room, and guests are encouraged to recycle. We inform all guests as to which items can be recycled. Each week one 50-gallon recycling container is emptied.

*Aluminum Cans
Steel Cans
Plastic
Office Paper
Printer and copy machine toner cartridges
Newspaper
Cardboard*

Composting

Each day fruit and vegetable food waste (approximately 1 gallon) is put into the compost bin. Each week, yard waste is collected for a separate compost that produces 100 gallons each year of composted soil.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

- *Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system*
- *Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on*
- *Housekeeping closes blinds and resets optimal temperatures*
- *ENERGY STAR computers, appliances, office equipment etc.*
- *Turn off all electrical items in unoccupied rooms when not in use or at the end of the day*
- *Update high efficiency heating and air-conditioning HVAC system*

Transportation

Efficient Business Travel

Consistently conduct business travel 2-3 days a week, consolidating errands into those days.

Efficient Fleet Vehicles

We regularly perform preventative maintenance on vehicles.

Water

Water Conservation

- *Discourage water-based cleanup, i.e. sweep first*
- *Defrost foods ahead of time in refrigerators to avoid the need for running-water defrost*
- *Installed low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads and low flow toilets (1.6 gpf or less)*
- *Use high efficiency Energy-Star rated dishwashers*
- *Collected over 500 gallons of rain water this year using the rain barrel run-off and drip-line irrigation system that we installed.*

Stormwater Management and Site Design

Beside the rain barrels we have installed a rain runoff pit that collects the rain water into a 3x3 pit to help filter runoff into local waterways.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

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