



Hotel Monaco Conference Center

Alexandria

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.

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“Hotel with a total of 241 guestrooms and 8,000 square feet of meeting space.”

Green Statement: “Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants always have been a green company and we are very aware of the need to support the green initiative. All Kimpton Hotels, including the Monaco Alexandria, are in the process of getting green seal approved.”

CORE ACTIVITIES for Conference Centers

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Conference Centers. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Hotel Monaco Conference Center** can expect the following practices:

- ☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** All conference centers must provide for recycling at their events. Aluminum can and plastic bottle recycling are a must. Recycling of steel cans, cardboard, office paper, and composting of waste foods are encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
 - Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
 - Provide clearly marked recycling bins or drop off locations for guests
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill kitchen (or meetings/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 dining room (or meetings/events)
 - 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 pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
 - Print menus on recycled content paper with soy-based inks and include recycling symbols, recycled-content, and message about soy-based inks on printed material
 - Use screen-based ordering systems

restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

office/purchasing

- 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
- Use electronic correspondence and forms

building and grounds

- Using "green" Cleaners (www.greenseal.org) that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low-VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use latex paints that are low-VOC
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or disposal of thinners and solvents (required by EPA-RCRA)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use "integrated pest management" (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers in landscaping

Styrofoam elimination and reduction of disposables. Virginia Green Conference centers are encouraged to eliminate or minimize the use of Styrofoam-based products and to use alternative disposables that are made of natural products and/or are bio-degradable. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers that are:
 - Made from bio-based materials
 - Made from recycled content paper
 - Compostable
 - Recyclable

Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- 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:
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
 - waterless urinals
 - automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species

Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
- Evaluate existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency
- Have considered upgrading to an EnergyStar Commercial Kitchen Package
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed additional insulation

- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use EnergyStar's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry

Green Events Package. Virginia Green conference centers must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

For more information on **Hotel Monaco Conference Center**, see www.monaco-alexandria.com or contact **Tobias Arff** at Tobias.arff@hotelmonaco.com or **703-842-2776**.

For more information on the *Virginia Green* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen/homepage.html or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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