



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Apartment on Morningside Lexington, 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.

## Apartment on Morningside

We have an upstairs apartment that we rent out for weekends. We have a recycle bin under the sink, with overflow outside. We do not change the sheets until

We recognize the importance of preserving our natural resources.

For more 'green' specific information : [viriniagreen.org](http://viriniagreen.org)

### Virginia Green Activities

#### This facility pledges that they:

##### Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible

## **Recycle**

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

## **Reduce solid waste**

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

## **Use water efficiently**

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed rain barrels

## **Conserve energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

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For more information on **Apartment on Morningside**, see [apartmentonmorningside.blogspot.com](http://apartmentonmorningside.blogspot.com) or contact Mary Doyle at [maryedoyle@gmail.com](mailto:maryedoyle@gmail.com) or 540-464-9285.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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