



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Best Western Leesburg Hotel & Conference Center Leesburg, 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.

### Best Western Leesburg Hotel & Conference Center

Discover this full-service Leesburg, Virginia hotel- the perfect venue for meetings, weddings and social events. Whether traveling to Northern Virginia for business or pleasure, guests staying at the BEST WESTERN Leesburg Hotel & Conference Center will find unsurpassed customer service and sophisticated accommodations for an unbeatable value.

For some time now, the Best Western Leesburg Hotel and Conference Center has been involved in green practices and policies. We are excited to now be a strong partner in the Virginia Green program.

#### Virginia Green Activities

##### This facility pledges that they:

##### Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

##### Recycle

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper

- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries

### **Reduce solid waste**

- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- 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.)
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### **Use water efficiently**

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have minimized our lawn area

### **Conserve energy**

- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

### **Offer a green events package**

- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences & Events)

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For more information on **Best Western Leesburg Hotel & Conference Center**, see [www.bestwesternleesburg.com](http://www.bestwesternleesburg.com) or contact Richard Menster at [r.menster@guestsinc.com](mailto:r.menster@guestsinc.com) or 703-777-9400.

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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