



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Comfort Inn - Gunston Corner Lorton, VA



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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We are a lodging facility branded by Comfort Inn LLC and managed by PMHS. We provide Lodging hospitality services to all guests

We have an internal belief inside of our parent company that going green is important. The availability of such a program is just an added benefit to what we are doing as an organization

We purchase inside of Virginia whenever possible as this is our home and has been for over 15 years.

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
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable wet cleaning for dry-clean only items

Recycle

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

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

Other items recycled by the facility:

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

Reduce solid waste

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from renewable materials (not petroleum-based)
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)
- Use and compost disposable containers made of compostable material (corn, bamboo, potato starch, sugarcane, etc.)
- 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
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

Use water efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have installed automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months
- Use ENERGY STARS Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- 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

Offer a green events package

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



For more information on **Comfort Inn - Gunston Corner**, see www.cigunston.com/ or contact Kenneth White at kwhite@pmhs.com or 703-643-3100.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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