



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Country Inn & Suites - Winchester Winchester, 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 lovely hotel with a lot of great features for our guests.

We have been working very hard to reduce our carbon footprint and want to share this with our guests.

We recycle 5 different materials; glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, and cardboard for the hotel and it's guests.

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

Recycle

- Glass Bottles
- Aluminum 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

- 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
- Recycle fryer grease
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

Use water efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Calculate the environmental impacts of the facility's energy usage by using a pollution calculator
- Use ENERGY STARs Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- 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
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning
- 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

- We do not host conferences or events



For more information on **Country Inn & Suites - Winchester**, see www.countryinns.com/winchesterva or contact Dianna Calenzo at dianna.calenzo@countryinns.com or 540-869-7657.

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



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