



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Embassy Suites Dulles - North Ashburn, 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.

## Embassy Suites Dulles - North

We are a Hilton branded lodging facility located 6 miles from the Dulles airport area in Ashburn Va. Hotel features 154 2 room suites, meeting space and a beautiful 6 story center atrium

We recognize the need and importance of protecting our environment and see re-cycling and use of sustainable product as our way to contribute to that effort

### 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
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

##### Recycle

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

##### Reduce solid waste

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease

- Donate excess food from events
- **Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste**
- Use cloth napkins
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers **in public restrooms**
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists **when possible**
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- 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**

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

### **Conserve energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- 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 installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

### **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 **Embassy Suites Dulles - North**, see [dullesnorth.embassysuites.com](http://dullesnorth.embassysuites.com) or contact Jim Ruedinger at [jim.ruedinger@hilton.com](mailto:jim.ruedinger@hilton.com) or 703-723-5300.

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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