



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



HI Richmond Richmond, 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.

HI Richmond

HI Richmond, a 58-bed hostel, is part of Hostelling International USA's 55 hostel network. It is located in the historic Otis Elevator Building in downtown Richmond with a mix of 4- and 6- bed dorms and private rooms and offers programming and activities that inspire a genuine understanding of people, places and cultures for a more tolerant world.

HI USA is committed to sustainability. Hostelling helps travelers from all over the world gain a greater respect for the world and its people, hopefully leading to better world citizenship. But traveling has its negative environmental impacts as well, so we're committed to reducing our negative environmental and social impacts to ensure the positive potential of travel is achieved.

From patronizing local businesses to visiting authentic, local destinations, HI Richmond encourages guests to have a truly local experience while visiting Richmond. Guests are also encouraged to be environmentally and socially conscious when traveling. The hostel, itself, patronizes local businesses for its needs and participates in community travel initiatives and events. As part of a hostel network committed to sustainability, staff from HI Richmond participates on HI USA's national green team, where projects such as a national sustainability policy and sustainability certification are being addressed.

For more 'green' specific information : www.hiusa.org/about-us/sustainability

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

Recycle

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

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

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.
- Other Activities: 100% LEDs so no Fluorescent lamps to recycle

Reduce solid waste

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- 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
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from renewable materials (not petroleum-based)
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies

- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)

Use water efficiently

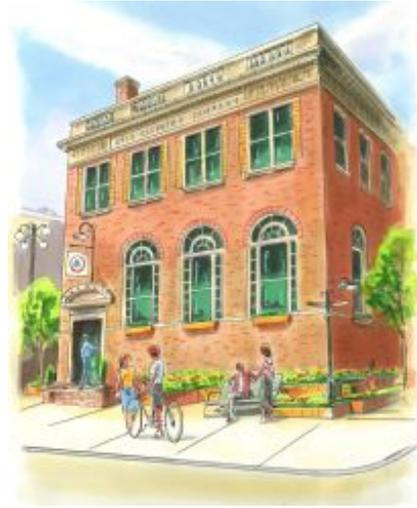
- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Use microfiber technology mops

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Use ENERGY STARs Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- 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
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have installed LED Exit Signs
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Purchase Green Tags or Renewable Energy Certificates to support new renewable energy resources
- Other Activities: 100% LED lighting. Design incorporates natural light. HVAC shares refrigerant between mini-units.

Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events
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For more information on **HI Richmond**, see www.hiusa.org/virginia/richmond/richmond or contact Zach Hetrick at Zach.Hetrick@hiusa.org or 240-650-2135.

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



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