



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Holiday Inn Arlington @ Ballston Arlington, 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.

## Holiday Inn Arlington @ Ballston

Welcome to the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, your neighborhood hotel for overnight guest rooms and business and social functions. We offer professional service and a friendly, welcoming attitude, just 3 blocks from the Metro and 4 miles to DC.

At Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, we are very conscientious about reducing our impact on the environment while providing our guests with the highest level of service possible. You, our guests expect to find opportunities to continue your efforts in recycling and sustainability when you are away from home. We want to ensure that you can.

To ensure that we do all we can, Chef Ricardo Planas purchases fresh, locally grown produce whenever possible. Our housekeeping department utilizes low impact cleaning supplies and offers a linen re-use program. We use a cleaning supply system that is EPA approved and has a zero carbon footprint.

### 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

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

- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Newspaper
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries

### **Reduce solid waste**

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Recycle fryer grease
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from recycled content
- Use cloth napkins
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk

### **Use water efficiently**

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Have minimized our lawn area

### **Conserve energy**

- Track overall energy bills
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on 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
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- 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

### **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 **Holiday Inn Arlington @ Ballston**, see [www.hiarlington.com](http://www.hiarlington.com) or contact Barbara Hubbard at [Reservations@HIAVA.com](mailto:Reservations@HIAVA.com) or 703-243-9800.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen).



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