



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Hampton Inn Gainesville Gainesville, 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.

Hampton Inn Gainesville

Hampton Inn Gainesville/Haymarket has 95 spacious guest rooms off Rt. 66 just 30 miles from Washington DC. We are located in a plaza with many shopping and dining options you can walk to. Going to a concert at Jiffy Lube Live, we are only 2 miles from DC largest outdoor concert pavillion. Come and enjoy our complimentary breakfast and Wifi, with a micro/fridge in every room, as well as our heated indoor pool. Business center and suite shop open 24 hours. We look forward to your visit.

We joined as part of Hampton's TAKE CARE program. TAKE CARE. It's what we often say when we part from family, friends and coworkers. When you really consider it, saying "take care" is more than just a parting thought. It's an expression of emotion and hope for health and happiness. It's the desire to develop decisions, habits and actions that not only respect our environment, but also our personal well-being and that of others around us. And Most importantly, it's an encouragement to all of us to live our best lives, day in and day out, by making careful choices. Hampton's Mission: To show the world we Take Care by preserving our environment and enhancing the health and well-being of one another, one caring moment at a time. Our company philosophy towards operating a sustainable business enterprise matches Virginia Green's core values. We desire to align our strategic partnerships with similar entities committed to preserving natural resources.

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:

- 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
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- 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 water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- 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 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 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)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have minimized our lawn area

Conserve energy

- 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
- 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 natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- 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

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 **Hampton Inn Gainesville**, see www.gainesvillehaymarket.hamptoninn.com or contact Barbara Frew at barbara.frew@hilton.com or 703-753-1500.

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



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