



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Crystal Gateway Marriott Arlington, Virginia

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.

Crystal Gateway Marriott

“Across the river from Washington, D.C., Crystal Gateway Marriott offers an ideal location for leisure vacations, business trips, and weekend getaways with 615 sleeping rooms and 34,300 square feet of seamless meeting space”

Green Statement: “We decided to go green to reduce our environmental footprint as well as foster and uphold Marriott International's Spirit to Preserve.”



CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to the Crystal Gateway Marriott can expect the following practices:

☑ Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linens service providers that employ “wet” versus “dry” cleaning

☑ Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall waste bills
- Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables

- Use disposable containers made from bio-based materials, recycled content, and/ or compostable materials
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments , cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and “sustainably-grown” foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Use latex paints
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Have a green roof

Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use:
 - compact florescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - high efficiency florescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights

Green Events Package. The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
- Standard activities include: Organic menu, white board, water pitchers, paper/Styrofoam free breaks, pads and pens are made from recycled materials, all recyclables at the end of the event are recycled, all non-perishable food items are donated, organic candles, certified green meeting planners

For more information on **the Crystal Gateway Marriott**, see www.marriott.com/wasgw or contact **Thom Puccio** at thom.puccio@marriott.com or 703-271-5238.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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