



## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



# Hilton Garden Inn® Dulles North Ashburn, 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.

### Hilton Garden Inn Dulles North

“The Hilton Garden Inn offers the hotel, a restaurant and bar.”

**Green Statement:** “Our hotel wanted to go green because the environment is very important to our staff members and many of our guests. Any way we can assist in reducing waste and conserving energy is important.”



### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to the Hilton Garden Inn Dulles North 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
  - Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
  - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
  - Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
  - Use and “ozone laundry system” that greatly minimizes need for detergent and saves water

**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: office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, electronic equipment – plenty of high visibility bins and signage promoting recycling
- Track overall waste bills
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- 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 recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- 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

**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
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
  - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
  - low flow toilets
- Use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)

**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
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Have an “energy management system” in place to track and meter energy usage
- Use:
  - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use EnergyStar’s Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry

**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
- “We use recycled paper. We take accurate guest counts to reduce waste. We have electronic registration. Hotel information is provided electronically.”

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For more information on **the Hilton Garden Inn Dulles North**, see [www.dullesnorth.hgi.com](http://www.dullesnorth.hgi.com) or contact **Francis Ford** at [francis.ford@hilton.com](mailto:francis.ford@hilton.com).

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



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