



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Courtyard by Marriott Oceanfront South Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Virginia Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Courtyard by Marriott Oceanfront South

The Courtyard by Marriott Oceanfront South is located along Virginia Beach oceanfront and is a 141 room hotel with a full service restaurant. The hotel has taken on this green challenge because it is the “right thing to do”!

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Courtyard by Marriott Oceanfront South, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
 - We contract with a linen service provider that uses primarily “wet” cleaning versus solvent-based “dry” cleaning.

- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Grease, Plastic, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard, Packing Supplies, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, & Electronics Equipment
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Use Bulk Soap Dispensers instead of individual soaps
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - We’ve eliminated the use of Styrofoam
 - Use real dishware and glassware
 - We have disposable containers made from bio-based materials
 - We provide condiments and cream and sugar, etc in bulk
 - Use water pitchers in lieu of single-use water bottles
 - Implemented effective food inventory system to minimize waste
 - We are purchasing *locally-grown* foods whenever possible
 - Filtering grease rather than recycling
 - Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
 - Purchasing from vendors and suppliers who also care about the environment
 - Use two-sided copying and printing
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
 - Purchase durable furniture and equipment and “low-VOC” carpets and fabrics
 - Use latex paint and recycling and handling thinners and solvents properly



- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Using least toxic materials and minimizing use of pesticides and herbicides, including use of “integrated pest management” techniques.

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

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater bills
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first) & use Microfiber technology mops
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought-tolerant species, rain metering, and lawn minimization.
- Effective stormwater management & minimization of impervious areas.



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

- Tracking overall energy bills and setting numeric goals for reductions
- Considering overall pollution factors from energy usage
- Using high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Using LED Exit Signs
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- High-efficiency HVAC system
- Individual thermostats in each room
- Use natural lighting and lighting sensors
- Thermal rated windows and insulation
- Directional lighting in parking and other outdoor areas
- Using EnergyStar’s “benchmarking tool 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.

- Recycling at all events, no styrofoam, and water pitchers instead of plastic bottles.



For more information on **Courtyard by Marriott Oceanfront South**, see

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For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see

www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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