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## Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City



Arlington, Virginia

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**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 overnight hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. This facility has committed to Virginia Green's "Core Activities for Lodging Facilities". Below is a complete list of this facility's *green activities* that guests can expect during their stay.

### Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City

**Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City** is located in Arlington, Virginia, just minutes away from the Pentagon and just across the Potomac River from the heart of Washington, DC. A full-service, "extended-stay" facility, it has with 17 floors, 299 suites, and 8 meeting rooms totaling 8,000 square feet of meeting space.



Residence Inn's commitment to the environment extends from the larger Marriott International, which is encouraging all of its facilities to be good stewards of the environment. This facility started its green efforts before its doors were ever open for business as energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste reduction were all part of its design. The management at this facility extends this commitment to the operational side of the business and enjoys knowing that they are helping a cause that is important to everyone in the long run.

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

**Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City** has committed to Virginia Green's "Core Activities for Lodging Facilities". Below are details about their activities in these areas!

- Optional Linen Service.** **Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City** has pledged to provide optional linen service to its guests to significantly reduce usage of water, energy, and detergents.
  - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
  - Using linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning methods
  - Minimizing the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
  
- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** **Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City** has pledged to provide visible recycling opportunities at its facility.
  - Recycling glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps and ballasts, batteries and electronic equipment.
  - Tracking overall waste bills and tonnage and setting goals for recycling and waste reduction
  - Providing condiments in bulk
  - Using water pitchers that minimize use of plastic bottles
  - Effective food inventory control to minimize wastes
  - Encouraging suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
  - Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
  - Policy for 2-sided copies / printing and using electronic correspondence and forms
  - Purchasing durable equipment and furniture
  - Purchasing "low-VOC" carpets and fabrics
  - Using of Latex Paint
  - Preventative maintenance of all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
  - Using "integrated pest management" (IPM) techniques to minimize use of pesticides and herbicides

- Water Efficiency.** *Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City* has pledged to conserve water and use it efficiently.
  - Tracking overall water usage and wastewater usage and have set goals for reduction
  - A preventative maintenance plan is in place for addressing drips and leaks
  - Low-flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads and low-flow toilets
  - Using Microfiber technology mop systems
  - “Dry” clean-up methods are used instead of power-washing
  - Effective landscape management with utilizes metering and rain gauges
  - Effective stormwater management
  
- Energy Conservation.** *Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City* has pledged to have a plan that encourages energy conservation and efficiency.
  - Tracking overall energy bills and have set goals for use reduction
  - Installed LED exit signs
  - High-efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
  - High-efficiency HVAC and individual thermostats in each room
  - Use of natural lighting whenever possible
  - Lighting sensors
  - Thermal rated windows and insulation
  - **Involved in regional “energy load response program” to reduce consumption during peak periods.**
  
- Green Meetings and Conferences.** *Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City* has only a small training room for such events and wastes from these meetings are sorted and recycled.



An Additional Statement from the management at the  
*Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City*

Marriott made the decision to "Go Green" more than 20 years ago. They have been actively involved in energy conservation, as well as water and waste reduction. Over a decade ago, Marriott launched ECHO- Environmentally Conscious Hotel Operations, to focus on water and energy conservation, clean air, waste management, wildlife preservation and clean up campaigns. In the last decade, its hotels worldwide have replaced 450,000 light bulbs with fluorescent lighting, introduced linen reuse programs, and installed 400,000 low-flow showerheads and toilets. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recognized Marriott as a Partner of the Year since 2004, and recently awarded the company with its 2008 Sustained Excellence award. Marriott has placed the ENERGY STAR label on more than 250 of its hotels, of which the Residence Inn in Chantilly is proud to be one of.

The Residence Inn by Marriott-Pentagon City started its green efforts before its doors were ever open for business. The hotel was built with compact fluorescent bulbs in all of its indoor fixtures, high SEER rated HVAC systems throughout, and programmable thermostats controlling the air handling in all common areas, meeting rooms, administrative offices, kitchen, fitness room and hotel laundry room.

The staff at the hotel has been recycling cardboard & ink toners since opening, but have expanded their efforts to include aluminum cans, glass, plastic bottles, white paper, mixed paper, packing materials, fluorescent bulbs, ballasts & batteries. The hotel provides guests with plastic utensils, plates & bowls on request, but encourage the use of silverware and ceramic plates & bowls to reduce the impact on the environment.

The hotel is paying closer attention to its supplies *and* suppliers. Each year, Marriott International and its owners spend about \$10 billion buying products and services for its 3,000 hotels around the world. Recognizing this purchasing power, we've teamed up with 40 of our vendors to find more environmentally friendly solutions at no additional cost.

For more information on **Residence Inn by Marriott – Pentagon City**, see <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/waspt-residence-inn-arlington-pentagon-city> or contact Crystal Christmas-Watson at [crystal.christmas@marriott.com](mailto:crystal.christmas@marriott.com).

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



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