



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Salamander Resort & Spa

Middleburg, 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.

Salamander Resort & Spa

"The Salamander Resort & Spa is a 168 room resort, featuring an equestrian center (22 stall barn) and a nature-based spa situated on 340 acres."

Green Statement: "The entire project is being LEED certified to reduce our impact on the environment."

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 Salamander Resort & Spa 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:

- 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
- 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, steel cans, food waste (composting), grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall waste bills
- 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
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles

- 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
- 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
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Have installed high efficiency hand-dryers in employee restrooms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- 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
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)

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
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and 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: pervious pavement, and the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

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 a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Calculate the pollution factors of their energy usage
- Evaluate existing ovens and other kitchen equipment for energy efficiency
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - high-efficiency hand-dryers
 - ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

- Purchase “Green Tags” or “Renewable Energy Certificates” to support new renewable energy resources
- Used LEED criteria when developing new buildings
- Are working to achieve LEED-EB (existing building) certification through operational changes and renovations
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles
- 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: “walking tours, organic farming lessons, nature-based spa events, and equestrian programs.”

For more information on **the Salamander Resort & Spa**, see www.salamanderresort.com or contact **Patty Tang** at ptang@salamanderresort.com.

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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