



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



South Court Inn Bed and Breakfast Luray, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **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.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting South Court Inn, 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
 - Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- 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, Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, Electronics Equipment
 - We send containers and ribbons from our flowers back to the florist!
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Fill reusable shampoo bottles
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Eliminated use of styrofoam
 - Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
 - Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
 - Use water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
 - Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
 - 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
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
 - Purchase durable furniture and equipment
 - Use latex paint
 - Recycle/dispose of 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
 - Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides
- Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Effective storm water management plan

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

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Lighting sensors
- Purchase “Green Tags” or “Renewable Energy Certificates”
- Purchase fuel efficient vehicles

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.

For more information on **South Court Inn**, see www.southcourtinn.com or contact Tom or Anita Potts at tpottsfam@embarqmail.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of **Virginia Green**, the Commonwealth’s campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

