



Quality Inn Convention Center Hampton

The Quality Inn Convention Center is set on beautifully landscaped grounds, located directly off Interstate 64, midway between two of the most famous areas of Virginia – Williamsburg and Virginia Beach. The hotel is also surrounded by many restaurants, movie theaters and shopping malls. The hotel has adopted its greening activities in an attempt to be active participants in keeping the environment clean.

GREEN ACTIVITIES

- 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:
 - Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
 - 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
 - Use a service that has environmentally-preferable “wet cleaning” for “dry-clean only” items
 - Line dry linens whenever possible

- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
 - Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
 - Have recycling bins located in collection bin near lobby; recycling dumpster behind building

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

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

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)

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

Heating and cooling

- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)

For more information on the **Quality Inn Convention Center**, see choicehotels.com/hotels/VA470 or contact Tavius Johnson at tjohnson@chrco.com or (757) 838-8484.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote 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. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the

minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations. **Virginia Green Partners** are committing to help support the program and encourage their customers to join or do business with Virginia Green-certified participants. Although not necessarily tourism facilities themselves, Partners are expected to practice green activities in their own facilities as well. For more information on **Virginia Green**, see <http://www.deq.state.va.us/p2/viriniagreen/homepage.html> or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.

