



# Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



## Candlewood Suites Hampton Hampton, 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.

### Candlewood Suites Hampton

“We are an extended stay hotel close to Thomas Nelson Community College, Peninsula Workforce Development Center, Langley AFB, and NASA, offering 74 studio suites and 24 one-bedroom suites.”

**Green Statement:** “We decided to “go green” for economic reasons; to reduce waste; and to qualify for the Virginia Green program to attract business from state agencies.”



### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Candlewood Suites 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:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

**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: plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: in the stairwells and in the laundry/convenience store areas
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall solid waste costs

#### 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 reusable dishware and glassware & minimize waste
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk

#### Restrooms

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

#### Office

- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible



#### Building and grounds

- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- 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
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweep first)

**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 had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months

#### Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

#### Lighting

- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights

**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:

- Our facility does not host meetings/conferences, but we do provide recycling at monthly guest cook-outs.
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For more information on **Candlewood Suites Hampton**, see [www.candlewoodsuites.com/hamptonva](http://www.candlewoodsuites.com/hamptonva) or contact **Diane Fulton** at [diane.fulton@ihg.com](mailto:diane.fulton@ihg.com) or **757-766-8976**.

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



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