



Country Inn & Suites by Carlson Newport News South Newport News

"The Country Inn & Suites by Carlson Newport News South is a 64-room and suite, limited service hotel dedicated to providing travelers with comfortable lodging experiences while inviting guests to help with environmentally-responsible practices."

Green Statement: "The Country Inn & Suites by Carlson Newport News South is committed to pollution prevention and decided to join Virginia Green because as local owners, managers, and staff the Hotel recognizes how refuse deposited in landfills or in storm drain run-off negatively impacts the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Its delicate ecosystem is constantly threatened by reckless and irresponsible behaviors. The Hotel hopes that through our small contribution, together with other responsible hotels and businesses, we can all make a big difference in our immediate environment."

The Hotel staff invites guests to participate in responsible recycling and energy-saving activities during and after staying at the Hotel."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

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
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on process for optional linen service
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents

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: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: in parking lot and entrances.
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items



Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes

Building and grounds

- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes native species



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:

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

Lighting

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas



Appliances and electronic devices

- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

For more information on Country Inn & Suites by Carlson Newport News South, see www.countryinns.com/newportnewsva or contact Todd Ballance at todd.ballance@countryinns.com or 757-327-0722.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Hotels and Lodging Facilities** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This lodging has met the established "core activities" for **Green Lodging** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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