



Hilton Garden Inn Fairfax

"We are a 149 room hotel with a full-service restaurant and 6,000+ square feet of meeting space."

Green Statement: "We would like to be good stewards of our resources."

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, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: at the front desk. Also, any recyclables left in the guestrooms are recycled.
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall solid waste costs

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use cloth napkins
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms



Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- 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:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

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:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on



Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- 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 LED Exit Signs



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
- Provide water pitchers on tables instead of water bottles
- Provide recycled note pads

For more information on Hilton Garden Inn - Fairfax, see www.fairfax.hgi.com or contact Steve Steinberg at steve.steinberg@hilton.com or 703-385-7774.

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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