



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Hilton Garden Inn Virginia Beach, 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.

Hilton Garden Inn

"We are a select service hotel with 176 room and about 3,000 square feet that primarily serves local corporate/business offices."

Green Statement: "Going green is not only important to us as a hotel, but for our guest's as well. People who feel very strongly about being "green" are more likely to stay at a hotel that is green."

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 **Hilton Garden Inn** 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
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Provide clearly marked recycling bins or drop off locations for guests
- Track overall waste bills
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease and filter grease prior to recycling
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters

- Provide condiments , cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- 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
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides

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
- Have:
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping 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
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting

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:

For more information on **Hilton Garden Inn Virginia Beach**, see <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com> or contact **Julie Dick** at Julie.grillo@crestlinehotels.com or 757-326-6200.

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



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