



Virginia Green Lodging



Hyatt Place Innsbrook Richmond Glen Allen

We are a select service hotel with 124 rooms, catering, and meeting space. We provide free deluxe continental breakfast, 42" HDTVs, free wireless Internet, Starbucks beverages, wine, beer, and 24/7 café!

We are committed to pollution prevention and environmental conservation because we believe in preserving this earth and all its beauty and natural resources. We educate our guests about our environmental conservation policies with signage regarding our laundry and recycling policies.

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
- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- 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: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper
- Have recycling bins located in the lobby
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, electronic equipment

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- 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

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- 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:

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan which minimizes lawn areas



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

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)



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 pitched water, free A/V in house, no pads or pens, discount to groups who book green events
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For more information on **Hyatt Place Innsbrook Richmond**, see <http://richmondwest.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/index.jsp> or contact Jessica O’Gorek at Jessica.ogorek@hyatt.com or (804) 747-9644.

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.

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

