



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Residence Inn Charlottesville, 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.

Residence Inn

“108 room, extended stay property”

Green Statement: “Marriott has a long standing commitment to the environment and we are sure to be active in our participation to that commitment. It also represents the values of our staff and guests.”



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 **Residence 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
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- 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: glass, aluminum cans, office paper, toner cartridges, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Clearly marked recycling bin in parking lot
- Track overall waste bills
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Do not use Styrofoam

- When disposable containers are used, they are made from recycled content
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Refill dish detergent bottles in guest rooms

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
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant 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
- Have an "energy management system" in place to track and meter energy usage
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - ceiling fans
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use EnergyStar's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry

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
- Use recycled notepads, pitchers of tap water, recycled cups and napkins

For more information on **Residence Inn Charlottesville**, see www.marriott.com/chori or contact Sara Bishop at sara.bishop@marriott.com or 434-923-0300.

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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