



Residence Inn Marriott Norfolk, 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

"We are an extended stay hotel with 130 rooms and meeting space."

Green Statement: We went green "to show our support for the cause and help conserve our environment for future generations".



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
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linens service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

☑ **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: aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, electronic equipment
- Clearly marked recycling bins in back office and business center
- Track overall waste bills
- Fill up shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use screen based ordering system
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- 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
- 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
- Use LED Exit Signs
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- 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:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
- Double-sided copying, no Styrofoam used, use reusable dishes, provide water in pitchers, CFC light bulbs in meeting rooms

For more information on **Residence Inn**, see www.marriott.com/orfri or contact **Meredith Alexander** at malexander@ltdmanagement.com or 757-333-3000.

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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