



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Sandbridge Blue Realty Services

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Virginia Beach

"Sandbridge Blue Realty Services is a vacation rental management company."

Green Statement: "Part of Sandbridge Blue's mission is to appreciate our natural environment and protect it at all costs. It is the main attraction that we sell to our guests, and it is up to us to ensure its future."

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
- Train housekeeping staff on process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use an "ozone laundry system" that greatly minimizes the need for detergents and saves water
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable "wet cleaning" for "dry-clean only" items
- Outsource linens to a "green laundry" facility

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 each property
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps
- Track overall solid waste costs

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Donate excess food from events



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.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- 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:
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Use microfiber technology mops



Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes native species, metering and rain gauges



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
- Use ENERGY STAR's Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry

Heating and cooling

- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- 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

For more information on Sandbridge Blue Realty Services, see www.sandbridgevacationrentals.com or contact Tim Cafferty at tim@sandbridgeblue.com or 757-426-1993.

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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