



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



SpringHill Suites by Marriott Chesapeake, 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.

SpringHill Suites

"The SpringHill Suites Chesapeake Suffolk, a 93 guest room Marriott hotel in Hampton Roads, provides easy access to Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk and Suffolk. Our all-suites hotel offers the perfect combination of amenities, services and hospitality for the business or leisure traveler. Our amenities include free wireless Internet, a pantry with mini-fridge, coffee maker and microwave, and comfortable seating with sofa bed. Stay productive with our business center and free wireless Internet in our lobby or enjoy a fresh dip in our indoor pool."



Green Statement: "Going green is one small step we can do to impact a huge change across the entire planet. Marriott strives to uphold green standards and we are proud to be a part of this global change."

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 **SpringHill Suites** 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 and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

- Provide recycling area in business center for paper and newspapers and recycling bins in the lobby
- Track overall waste bills
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease
- Donate excess food from events
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- 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
- 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
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - 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 and 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:
 - 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 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

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
 - Work with meeting planners to reduce waste and provide recycling for events as requested
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For more information on **SpringHill Suites**, see www.marriott.com.orfsh or contact **Jason McCarthy** at jmccarthy@ltdmanagement.com or 757-405-3100.

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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