

Environmental Resources For Hospitals



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EPA, HealthCare in New England, www.epa.gov/region1/healthcare/

WasteWise, Re-TRAC www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/wastewise/index.htm

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Environmental resources and assistance for hospitals and other healthcare facilities; Re-Trac waste tracking tool. Contact Janet Bowen if you'd like to be added to the EPA New England Hospital E-mail group. You'll receive regular e-mailings on a wide range of timely and important issues directly relevant to hospitals.



Health Care Without Harm, www.noharm.org/us

"An international coalition of 473 organizations in more than 50 countries, working to transform the health care sector so it is no longer a source of harm to people and the environment." Information on the Healthy food pledge, healthy buildings, medical waste and more.



Practice Greenhealth, www.practicegreenhealth.org

Contact: Janet Brown, jbrown@practicegreenhealth.org, 888-688-3332, ext. 4

"Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices."



Sustainable Hospitals, www.sustainablehospitals.org

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"Provides technical support to the health care industry for selecting products and work practices that reduce occupational and environmental hazards, maintain quality patient care and contain costs."



Premier, www.premierinc.com, Executive Scorecard on the Environment,

www.premierinc.com/epp/downloads/epp-scorecard.pdf

"...Premier's EPP program supports socially responsible purchasing. Through Environmentally Preferred Purchasing, healthcare organizations and communities can: (1) minimize the exposure of patients, healthcare workers and the community in general to hazardous materials and products and (2) reduce healthcare costs related to waste disposal, liability and environmental and occupational health and safety."



California Integrated Waste Management Board

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HealthCare/MaterialType/default.htm

Their goal is to help establish a statewide infrastructure of sustainable waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs in the health care industry. The Board has a fact sheets and other resources dedicated to waste management issues related to the health care industry.

The Connecticut Hospital Environmental Roundtable (CHER)



CHER provides a setting for hospitals to learn from each other by sharing ideas, presenting success stories, keeping up-to-date on available resources and discussing issues that affect the health care industry. The workshops are free and are usually hosted by a hospital. If you would like to be on the mailing list and receive information on future events, contact Nan Peckham or Connie Mendolia at 860-424-3297.

Listed below are previous CHER workshops. You can get all the presentations and meeting materials from these workshops on the CT DEP, Office of Pollution Prevention website at www.ct.gov/p2. Click on the "Business/Industry/Hospitals" tab.

December 2009	<i>Measuring Matters</i>
June 2008	<i>Hospitals Step Up To The Plate: Serving Healthy, Local Food</i>
October 2007	<i>Our Health, Our Environment: Nurses Making the Connection at Work and at Home</i>
April 2007	<i>Connecticut Hospitals - Leading By Example</i>
October 2006	<i>Renew Your Energy</i>
May 2006	<i>Protecting Connecticut's Children From Environmental Risks: Problems and Solutions</i>
April 2006	<i>Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About "Green" Construction And Demolition</i>
September 2005	<i>Managing Pharmaceutical Waste</i>
March 2005	<i>Creating A Clean, "Green" and Healthy Hospital with Environmentally Preferable and Bio-based Products</i>
November 2004	<i>Understanding RCRA and State Environmental Regulations: A Workshop for Hospitals</i> , co-sponsored with The Connecticut Hospital Association
April 2004	<i>How Hospitals Can Cut Costs and Reap Additional Benefits through Responsible Waste Management</i>

Getting Started – Going Green

1. Form a "Green Team" to identify changes and how to implement them.
2. Take it one step at a time. Make sure you are in compliance first.
3. Get advice from other hospitals that have already made some changes.
4. Use available resources (DEP, EPA, Practice Greenhealth, others).

