



Environmental Services "GREEN" News

HRMC is an Environmental Friendly Facility

The Environmental Services Department here @ HRMC with cooperation of Sodexo Health Care Services and many of our vendors, have been working very hard to achieve the "Green Seal" Status.

What is "Green Seal"???
Green Seal is an Independent non-profit organization. Green Seal utilizes industry, political and educational leaders to create standards by which environmentally preferable cleaning

chemicals, methods and equipment are used.



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- Special points of interest:**
- Microfiber mops and cloths are great on preventing cross-contamination.
 - FaST technology reduces chemicals from being flushed into our sewers.
 - Water and steam vapor: a tremendous cleaning tool.
 - HRMC saves an average of \$420 per month by recycling non - confidential paper.

Solid Waste and recycling

One of the ways that Hackettstown Regional Center tries to be environmentally friendly is by Recycling.
HRMC recycles tons of waste that otherwise would end up in landfills.

Some of the items that we recycle are cardboard, cans, bottles (glass and plastic), skids, bulk metal, electronic waste, batteries, paper and more.

Microfiber Cleaning Products

In certain areas of our hospital, we now use Microfiber mops and cloths.

Microfiber is a lint free, non-abrasive, and hypoallergenic product that allows you to clean without the use of chemicals.

Unlike ordinary cloths and mops, that move or push the dirt and dust from one point to another, Microfiber actually gets underneath the dirt and lifts it from the surface.

It then stores the dirt particles in the

towel or mop, until it is washed. For this reason chemicals are not needed.

Microfiber cloths and mops are safe on all surfaces.

Microfiber can be used if preferred, with a diluted disinfectant.

Microfiber mops and cloths are great on preventing cross contamination.



Microfiber cloths

Since only ONE mop is used per room / per area and no "double dipping" to re-wet the mop is needed, the risk of cross contaminating is drastically reduced.

By using Microfiber products, HRMC is doing its part in helping our environment by not using many chemicals and preventing them from getting into our waste/sewer systems.

Green Seal Endorsed Cleaning Chemicals

Our Environmental Services Department here at HRMC uses an array of chemicals to clean and disinfect our facility.

Our chemicals are dispensed thru the Ecolab's QC system which some of the benefits include:

- Ultra concentrated products use less packaging.
- No human contact with concentrated chemicals; no free pouring
- Post-consumer plastic packaging

"Beyond Certification—Systems"

- Lockable mixing station to reduce risk & improve safety
- Color coded labels and products to reduce risk & improve safety
- Metered to dilute at optimal level and prevent overuse/ and waste of chemicals

- Accurate on/off valves prevents wasting water

All of the cleaning products that we use in HRMC (with the exception of our Germicide) are Green Seal certified.

We are doing our part to be Environmentally Responsible, are you?

Chemical Free Cleaning

Hackettstown Regional Medical Center's Housekeeping department also uses Chemical free eraser pads whenever possible, in areas that no disinfectants are needed.

Some of the Advantages and Benefits for using eraser pads are:

Cleans by adding water only, erases rather than scours, cleans without

sprays or cleaners, safe on many surfaces, no hazardous ingredients, smells or fumes.

It does not abrade surfaces, removes marks with less efforts, safe for employees to use, saves money by reducing chemical use, safer for employees than chemicals.

Just wet with water, rub, and done.



FaST Technology Floor Scrubber

Our hallways and large floor areas here at HRMC are kept up using this state-of-the-art Floor Scrubber.

This 5700 Industrial -strength Walk-behind Scrubber dislodges and picks up stubborn dirt, grime, oil or sand—even nuts and bolts.



5700 Fast Floor Scrubber

What makes this marvelous piece of equipment environmentally friendly is its "FaST Technology." It is simply an On-Board self mixing and dilution way of using floor cleaning chemicals and water.

It only mixes what it needs, when it needs it directly onto the floor

without ever contaminating its clean water reservoir with any type of chemicals.

This drastically reduces waste and prevents unused cleaning chemicals from being flushed into our sewer systems.

FaST scrubbing technology for cleaner, higher traction floors and environmental friendly facility.

Chemical Free "Steam Cleaning" - When Chemicals are out of the question.

How does it work? **Water...** Nature's natural solvent... when heated to a high enough temperature it becomes *superheated* and changes to Dry **Steam Vapor**, which becomes a tremendous cleaning tool.

It does so without chemicals and very little moisture, which allows the surface to dry almost immediately, removing dirt, degreasing and killing bacteria, germs, viruses and other micro-organisms instantly.



Sodexo Shine Floor Care Program

Sodexo Shine is another Sodexo innovative floor care program designed to reduce product waste, reduce time and labor and increase the life of the floor finishes.

Some of the methods include:

VCT Low frequency Burnishing

VCT Weekly Burnishing

Chemical free floor finish removal system

And, Perfusion and encapsulating carpet cleaning system

The Phaser Mobile Floor Care system is a completely contained system for safer application of floor finish.

There is practically no waste of floor finish going into our drains/sewer since it dispenses only when needed by the floor tech.



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Environmental Services Week !!!

September 14th thru September 20th

The Manager of the Environmental Services Department, along with the entire Administration team, would like to thank the Environmental Services Department for all the hard work that they do on a daily basis and keeping our facility clean and nice looking.

Thank you

and

Happy Environmental Services Week!!!



Paper Recycling Introduced in April 2008

Since the beginning of April, the Environmental Services Department has introduced the Non-Confidential Paper Recycling Program. New "Blue Recycling Bins" were introduced and placed throughout the facility. These Bins are used to collect all non-confidential papers, copies, flyers, pamphlets, schedules, magazines, menus and even newspapers. Any clean paper without any patient,

employee or confidential information on it goes in these bins. The goal is to reduce the cost of our solid waste and confidential document destruction, and at the same time save a good number of trees by just Recycling.

We are collecting an average of 3 1/2 cubic yards of recycling paper per week, which translates to approximately 6500 lbs./3.3 tons per month.



Hackettstown Regional Medical Center has been saving an average of \$420 per month just by keeping these papers out of our trash and recycling them!