



# 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.



## Solid Waste and recycling

One of the many 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 and incinerators.

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

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### Special points of interest:

- Microfiber mops and are great on preventing cross-contamination.
- iCapsol Interim carpet cleaning system dries in 20 minutes.
- High Security Microfiber cart designed for safety and Infection Control.
- HRMC saves an average of \$552 and 77 trees per month by recycling non-confidential paper.

## Microfiber Floor Mopping System

In most areas of our hospital, we now use Microfiber mops.

Microfiber is a lint free, non-abrasive, and hypoallergenic product that allows you to clean without spreading dirt and germs.

Unlike ordinary 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 grabs and stores the dirt particles in

the mop's fiber's, until it is washed.

Microfiber cloths and mops are safe on all surfaces.

Microfiber can be used with just water or with a diluted disinfectant.

Microfiber mops are great on preventing cross contamination.

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 them 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.

## High Security Micro-fiber Cart

Our Housekeeping department also uses a state of the art cleaning cart.

A complete system solution optimized for micro fiber cleaning in healthcare facilities.

Some features include:

Large 7.25 cu. ft. of locking cabinet area

Joint Commission compliant (Environment of Care Standard 3.10.3)

Locking cabinet doors, locking security

hood, and waste cover.

Features Lock' N Go bucket attachment, Rubber tool grips hold handles upright, 4" Quiet casters and 8"Wheels, Locking cabinet doors on both sides of the cart.

This cart is the latest in the industry, especially designed with Security in mind (Lockable cart) and Infection control, using the micro fiber system.



## 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 it 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.

## Multiple options in one machine, iCapsol Interim Cleaning, and deep extraction cleaning.

Most of our patient area hallways in our hospital are carpeted. As you can imagine they get a lot of traffic and a lot of abuse, and keeping them clean is always a challenge. Now with our new Commodore Duo Deluxe machine cleaning our carpets is easier and safer than ever.

We can do interim cleaning (in between extractions) and deep extraction cleaning with one machine. With the interim method along with iCapsol Encapsulating

Chemical, the carpets are dry and ready for traffic in 20 minutes.

The machine has a big clean water tank that is used for both methods. The chemicals and water mix only when needed and mix directly onto the carpets, without contaminating the water reservoir.

It reduces water and chemical waste, and eliminates unused cleaning chemicals from going into our sewers.

Commodore Duo Deluxe



## 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 only dispenses when needed by the floor tech.



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**Environmental Services Week !!!**

September 12th thru September 18th

The Manager of the Environmental Services Department along with the entire Administration team would like to thank the Environmental Services Department for all their 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 Program**

In April of 2008 the Environmental Services Department introduced the Non-Confidential Paper Recycling program.

Since then we have kept tons of paper from going into our trash, reducing our solid waste and confidential document destruction.

Here are some examples:

In 2008 we recycled 34 tons of paper saving \$4,149 and 578 trees.

In 2009 we recycled 48 tons of paper saving \$5,987 and 818 trees, and 46 tons of confidential documents (781 trees)

For 2010 thru the end of July we have Recycled 31 tons of paper and saving \$3,870 and 527 trees.

