Sustainability & Recycling

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UKHC Sustainability Committee

Review, Approve, and Implement Initiatives

- Reduce Waste
- Maximize Cost Savings
- Safeguard Staff & Patients
- Increase Reuse & Recycling
Initiative Updates
Initiatives in Progress

• Sterile Blue Wrap Recycling:
  – Implemented GSH in 2014 and CAS in 2015
  – 2015 Results: 41,289 lbs. recycled
  – Expanding to Chandler Main OR 6/1/16
Initiatives in Progress

• Linen Management:

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UK HEALTHCARE IS GOING GREEN!

To help UK HealthCare conserve water and be more environmentally friendly, we’re updating our linen-changing policy.

We will now change linens in patient rooms on odd-numbered days only, unless otherwise requested or necessary.

Please talk with your nurse if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your participation!

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Upcoming Initiatives
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What Can Go In These Containers?

- Cardboard
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles
- Glass bottles and jars
- Non-confidential paper
  - Notepads
  - Envelopes
  - Calendars
  - Magazines
  - Newspapers
  - Phone Books

What Can NOT Go In These Containers?

- Confidential paper
- Plastic bags
- Food waste
Protected Health Information (PHI)

- Individually identifiable information plus health information
- Held or Transmitted
- In any form or medium, whether electronic, paper or oral.
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Confidential materials should only be placed in secured containers with the label shown here.

For Service: 859-257-6234
recycleblue.uky.edu
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Education:

• UKHC Recycling Video

Auditing and Compliance:

• UKHC Compliance and UK Recycling will conduct weekly audits to evaluate:
  1. If PHI is being disposed of in proper containers
  2. Frequency with which containers are emptied so as to prevent overflow
Recycling

Estimated Timeline:

• **May**: Pilot in GSH, MOB, Turfland, Pav A 8th Floor
• **June**: Audit pilot locations
• **July**: KY Clinic
• **August**: MCC
• **September**: CTW, UHS, Dentistry, Alumni Park
• **October**: Pavilion H
• **November**: Pavilion A
Healthier Hospital Initiative

- Engaged Leadership
- Safer Chemicals
- Less Waste
- Leaner Energy
- Healthier Food
Resources

- **UKHC Sustainability SharePoint**
  - Link to site will be posted on CareWeb
  - Use the site to:
    - Share your ideas
    - Stay up to date on key dates for initiatives
    - See updates on our progress as an enterprise
    - Look up key contact information
Questions?

Thank you!

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