

Zoomerang Survey Results

Waste Reduction Activities in Wisconsin Healthcare Facilities

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1. What types of healthcare services does your facility provide? Check all that apply.

Large in-patient medical care (large hospital)	9	22%
Small in-patient medical care (small hospital)	20	49%
In-patient nursing or personal care (nursing home or assisted living)	8	20%
Out-patient care (clinic, outpatient surgery or ambulatory care)	31	76%
Healthcare-related laboratory	23	56%
Veterinary care	3	7%
Dental care	5	12%

2. What is your relationship with the new Wisconsin group (initially referred to as WI Hospitals for a Healthy Environment) which is forming to foster sustainability in healthcare?

I or someone from my facility has joined and is on the group's e-mail list.	25	62%
I intend to join the WI group.	2	5%
I am not sure whether I want to join the WI group or not.	9	22%
I do not intend to join the WI group.	4	10%
Total	40	100%

3. What is your facility's relationship with Practice Greenhealth (formerly Hospitals for a Healthy Environment, H2E)?

My facility is a member.	16	38%
My facility intends to join.	1	2%
My facility isn't sure if we want to join or not.	9	21%
My facility does not intend to join.	4	10%
I don't know what our relationship is.	12	29%
Total	42	100%

4. Please describe what your facility is doing to eliminate the use of mercury in healthcare.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Fully implemented	Implementing	Actively Planning	Considering	Not considering	Don't know
Adopted a policy to become Mercury Free	26 65%	7 18%	0 0%	6 15%	0 0%	1 2%
Eliminated mercury medical devices such as thermometers, blood pressure devices, bougies and dilators	32 78%	6 15%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%	1 2%
Eliminated facility items such as batteries, lamps, switches and thermostats	9 22%	12 29%	4 10%	7 17%	2 5%	7 17%
Eliminated mercury in laboratory chemicals (e.g., B5, Zenkers)	14 35%	8 20%	2 5%	2 5%	0 0%	14 35%
Eliminated mercury in cleaning products (e.g., bleach)	15 37%	8 20%	3 7%	5 12%	4 10%	6 15%
Eliminated mercury in pharmaceuticals	6 15%	6 15%	4 10%	5 12%	2 5%	18 44%

5. Please describe what materials your facility is recycling:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Fully implemented	Implementing	Actively Planning	Considering	Not considering	Don't know
Office paper	39 95%	2 5%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Newspaper	35 88%	2 5%	0 0%	2 5%	0 0%	1 2%
Magazines	37 90%	2 5%	0 0%	2 5%	0 0%	0 0%
Corrugated cardboard	40 98%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%
Aluminum cans	38 93%	3 7%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Steel (tin) cans	34 83%	2 5%	2 5%	0 0%	1 2%	2 5%
Glass bottles and jars	33 85%	3 8%	1 3%	1 3%	1 3%	0 0%
Plastic containers (#1 and #2)	35 83%	2 5%	1 2%	1 2%	1 2%	2 5%
Major appliances	23 56%	1 2%	4 10%	0 0%	3 7%	10 24%

Waste tires	19	0	1	0	3	11
	56%	0%	3%	0%	9%	32%
Lead-acid vehicle batteries	32	0	0	0	1	5
	84%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%
Used motor oil	30	0	0	0	1	6
	81%	0%	0%	0%	3%	16%
Yard waste	14	5	2	1	6	9
	38%	14%	5%	3%	16%	24%

6. Please describe other materials your facility may be recycling:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Fully implemented	Implementing	Actively Planning	Considering	Not considering	Don't know
Plastic containers (not #1 and #2)	23	1	2	3	3	6
	61%	3%	5%	8%	8%	16%
Toner cartridges	35	3	0	1	1	1
	85%	7%	0%	2%	2%	2%
Food waste	2	0	5	7	16	5
	6%	0%	14%	20%	46%	14%
Cooking fats, oils, grease	19	1	0	1	10	5
	53%	3%	0%	3%	28%	14%
Pallets	24	2	1	1	4	5
	65%	5%	3%	3%	11%	14%
Medical equipment and supplies	22	7	2	1	0	6
	58%	18%	5%	3%	0%	16%
Furniture	17	7	1	0	6	5
	47%	19%	3%	0%	17%	14%
Construction & demolition waste	9	8	3	3	5	9
	24%	22%	8%	8%	14%	24%
Other batteries	22	3	2	1	4	6
	58%	8%	5%	3%	11%	16%
Fluorescent lamps	34	3	1	0	1	2
	83%	7%	2%	0%	2%	5%
Electronics	30	4	1	0	1	3
	77%	10%	3%	0%	3%	8%

7. Are you reducing waste by using any of these reusable items?

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Dishware	17 47%	8 22%	1 3%	2 6%	4 11%	4 11%
Gowns	23 62%	2 5%	1 3%	1 3%	5 14%	5 14%
Diapers	1 3%	1 3%	0 0%	5 14%	20 56%	9 25%
Central supply boxes instead of blue wrap	3 9%	2 6%	0 0%	10 29%	8 23%	12 34%

8. How is your facility reducing infectious waste?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Fully implemented	Implementing	Actively Planning	Considering	Not considering	Don't know
Clear signage on or near waste containers	33 87%	2 5%	1 3%	1 3%	1 3%	0 0%
Strategic placement of waste containers	36 92%	2 5%	0 0%	0 0%	1 3%	0 0%
Using smaller biohazard bags	25 62%	3 8%	1 2%	3 8%	5 12%	3 8%
Annual training	33 82%	4 10%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	2 5%
Annual audits	26 67%	5 13%	1 3%	3 8%	2 5%	2 5%
Reusable sharps containers	7 18%	3 8%	5 12%	13 32%	10 25%	2 5%
Single-use device reprocessing	7 18%	5 13%	4 11%	5 13%	7 18%	10 26%
Suction cannister evacuation systems	14 40%	5 14%	0 0%	3 9%	5 14%	8 23%
On-site disinfection technologies (e.g., autoclave, microwave)	11 28%	6 15%	0 0%	4 10%	13 32%	6 15%

9. How is your facility reducing hazardous chemicals?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Fully implemented	Implementing	Actively Planning	Considering	Not considering	Don't know
Reprocessing solvents (alcohol, xylene, formalin)	11 29%	4 11%	5 13%	3 8%	6 16%	9 24%
Practicing pest management	18 49%	5 14%	1 3%	5 14%	3 8%	5 14%

Using green cleaning products	7 18%	15 38%	4 10%	11 28%	1 3%	1 3%
Eliminating glutaraldehyde	13 34%	4 11%	2 5%	4 11%	2 5%	13 34%
Eliminating Ethylene Oxide (EtO)	12 33%	3 8%	2 6%	2 6%	4 11%	13 36%
Recovering silver	20 56%	3 8%	0 0%	0 0%	3 8%	10 28%
Recycling lead aprons	20 57%	1 3%	3 9%	0 0%	2 6%	9 26%
Reducing pharmaceutical waste	10 26%	14 36%	6 15%	3 8%	1 3%	5 13%
Phasing out PVC products	1 3%	4 11%	7 19%	6 16%	3 8%	16 43%
Phasing out DEHP	2 6%	3 8%	5 14%	6 17%	3 8%	17 47%

10. Does your facility have environmentally preferable purchasing practices for these products?

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Recycled paper (copy and print paper)	14 36%	4 10%	2 5%	4 10%	2 5%	13 33%
Recycled or unbleached paper products (e.g., paper towels, bath tissue)	6 15%	5 13%	4 10%	4 10%	4 10%	16 41%
Electronics (take back or upgradeability provisions)	13 33%	7 18%	2 5%	5 13%	1 3%	11 28%
Mercury free products and chemicals	20 51%	9 23%	1 3%	2 5%	0 0%	7 18%
Latex free products	24 62%	6 15%	1 3%	1 3%	1 3%	6 15%
PVC or DEHP-free products	2 6%	4 11%	5 14%	3 9%	2 6%	19 54%
Energy conserving products (EnergyStar)	11 29%	9 24%	6 16%	5 13%	0 0%	7 18%
Water conserving products or equipment	8 21%	8 21%	4 10%	5 13%	5 13%	9 23%

11. What other waste, energy or water conserving projects has your facility done?

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Microfiber mopping system	21 55%	6 16%	2 5%	3 8%	0 0%	6 16%
Integrated green building criteria in a construction, design or renovation projects	5 14%	8 22%	5 14%	6 17%	2 6%	10 28%
Water conservation projects	5 14%	6 17%	3 9%	5 14%	4 11%	12 34%
Energy conservation projects	6 17%	12 33%	5 14%	6 17%	1 3%	6 17%
Native landscaping	1 3%	8 22%	3 8%	4 11%	8 22%	12 33%

12. Describe other waste reduction activities your facility may be doing.

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13. Who completed this survey? We will keep this information confidential and use it invite you to participate in the follow-up survey.

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