

Sustainability made easy

Network provides guidance to support hospitals participating in HAN Purchasing Commitment



[Practice Greenhealth](#) is the largest nonprofit leadership and networking organization for sustainable health care delivering environmental solutions to U.S. hospitals and health systems. With more than 1,100 network partners nationwide, many of which are already part of the Healthcare Anchor Network, Practice Greenhealth offers Commitment participants access to a suite of tools and resources to jumpstart any of the sustainability goals.

We're not just sustainability experts – we've walked the halls of the hospital and now guide employees on approaches and best practices to create change. It's not always easy, but we're here to help.

Practice Greenhealth network partners can take advantage of our expertise and experiences to implement best practices that will help them achieve their goals much faster.

Core sustainability goals

Climate mitigation	Resource
Renewable electricity: Increasing renewable electricity procurement to one of the three levels: 25% by FY2025, 50% by FY2025, or 100% by FY2025.	Renewable electricity overview
Transportation emissions: When purchasing new fleet vehicles, by FY2025 at least 50% must be alternative fuel vehicles; and include criteria to become an EPA SmartWay partner for top 10 suppliers/distributors/ carriers (by annual expenditure).	Transportation toolkit executive summary
Anesthetic gas: Qualifier: Has desflurane been removed from the formulary? If yes: Reduce GHG emissions specific to anesthetic gas by 5% from FY2020. If no: Reduce GHG emissions specific to anesthetic gas by 50% from FY2020.	Anesthetic gas toolkit executive summary

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing	Resource
Furniture and furnishings: Ensure that 30% of the annual furnishings and furniture purchases (based on cost) eliminate the use of priority chemicals of concern by FY2025.	Furniture and furnishings overview
PVC and DEHP: Eliminate both PVC and DEHP from at least 2 of 8 priority medical product categories defined above (see Part III: Definitions) by FY2025.	Position statement
Sustainable food: Achieve 20% of total food purchases meeting sustainable criteria by FY2025 (measure=dollars).	Sustainable food overview
Greening the OR: Reduce single-use, disposable products to reusable products: Transition single-use, disposable products to reusable products in 5 of the 10 supply categories on the checklist (see Part III: Definitions) by FY2025. The goal is qualitative by identifying which are transitioned from disposable to reusable.	Reusable products overview

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