

Supply Chain Management Policy and Procedure Manual

Environmentally Responsible Procurement

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Purpose

To ensure [Hospital clinic] and its suppliers are working collaboratively to identify, adopt, and implement environmentally responsible initiatives [supplies and services] intended to protect human and environmental health.

Policy

Supply Chain Management will procure environmentally responsible supplies and services when possible to meet the needs of the system, while providing cost effective solutions, supporting patient care, and employee safety initiatives. Initiatives may include but not limited to waste and packaging reduction, fuel economy, reduction of persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs), hazardous waste handling, energy efficiency, air quality, and other environment improvements.

Supply Chain Management will also demonstrate a commitment to create a system-wide mercury free environment. As part of the ongoing efforts to ensure a safe environment for patients, staff, physicians and visitors, [Hospital clinic] will, at a minimum, limit, and to the extend possible, avoid the purchase of equipment or materials that contain mercury. In an effort to minimize mercury hazards, staff involved in purchasing decisions shall adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy when making purchasing decisions. Whenever possible, the use of equipment and hazardous materials containing mercury should be minimized and/or eliminated. Products that contain mercury should be avoided whenever feasible as long as the mercury free alternatives exist and will not compromise patient care.