

## **Mayo Clinic Rochester Environmental Statement**

Mayo Clinic is dedicated to improving the health of its patients and staff through excellence in the practice of medicine. Recognizing the linkage between environmental health and public health, Mayo Clinic is committed to fiscally responsible environment protection practices in patient care, education, research, and administration, in order to benefit the health of our patients, staff, and communities in which they live and work.

Therefore Mayo Clinic exercises a thoughtful and comprehensive sustainable approach to environmental stewardship, which includes:

- Energy conservation.
- Employing “Green” sustainable building design, construction, and operations strategies relevant to minimizing environmental impact throughout the total facilities life-cycle.
- Practicing environmentally responsible purchasing and waste management through source reduction, re-use, and recycling programs.

Apply this approach in a fiscally responsible manner in patient care, education and research, Mayo Clinic will:

- Continue existing and employ new environmentally responsible practices, giving the highest priority to cost saving and cost neutral initiatives.
- Monitor and evaluate its practices as they relate to environmental sustainability principles.
- Seek new and innovative ways to continually improve our environmental goals through conservation, reduction, reuse and recycling programs and through partnering with others in the community to safeguard the environment.
- Conserve energy and improve the energy efficiency of our operations and make every effort to use and promote environmentally safe, cost-effective and sustainable energy sources.
- Manage its operations in a manner that is protective of human health and safety, including managing, minimizing and eliminating whenever possible, the use of hazardous materials.
- Protect the environment through a preference for products which contain recycled materials, are recyclable or reusable, and cause the least amount of environmental harm during manufacturing, use and disposal.
- Foster an organizational culture which supports pollution prevention initiatives to reduce negative environmental impacts.
- Provide employees with safety and environmental information through training and education programs in order for them to make work/practice and lifestyle decisions in support of these principles.
- Participate in health care industry environmental leadership activities as appropriate to Mayo’s mission and primary values.