

<b>MERCY GENERAL HOSPITAL</b>	
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**PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

Mercy General Hospital (MGH) supports the commitment of Catholic HealthCare West (CHW) to promote healthier communities both locally and globally. MGH is dedicated to respecting and protecting the earth and supports just, sustainable, social and economic development.

**POLICY**

Mercy General Hospital will establish an Environmental Action Committee (EAC) who is responsible for facilitating programs to support CHW's commitment for healthier communities. The EAC is responsible for setting environmental goals, developing policies, monitoring CERES compliance, and educating employees on environmental programs.

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The Environmental Action Committee has been established to review and initiate processes in matters of environmental importance. The Manager of Environmental Services will chair the EAC. The Vice-President of Mission Services serves as the administrative representative to the EAC.
2. The EAC is comprised of key department managers including Environmental Services, Food & Nutrition, Laboratory Services, Safety, Environment of Care, Pharmacy, Materials Management, and Nursing. The EAC will meet quarterly.
3. In accordance with CHW policy, an annual report of ecology efforts is to be completed for each calendar year and submitted to MGH Leadership and CHW. All facility reports will be compiled in a system-wide report that will be available to the public. Contents and processes for compiling the annual report shall be in collaboration with the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES).
4. On a quarterly basis, waste data will be forwarded to the CHW Ecology Coordinator.
5. In order to maintain a systematic approach in compiling the annual report, the Vice-President of Mission Services has been designated by Administration to oversee and complete the CERES report.
6. The EAC will host hospital wide events on Earth Day and throughout the year to promote efforts the hospital has made to make the community healthier.
7. The EAC will make every effort to implement healthy environment programs that encourage recycling waste, reusing items, replacing environmentally unfriendly products, and minimizing waste through waste reduction programs.

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8. All new employees will be oriented on hospital Environmental programs. All employees will receive additional orientation during their annual Safety Safari.