

Presource® Is Going Green

Presource® Procedure Pack Solutions

Did you know healthcare facilities consume more energy per square foot than any other industry?

It's true. The U.S. healthcare industry is also a significant user of land space and a large generator of waste.

Cardinal Health can help!

Cardinal Health is dedicated to greening our company as well as helping you green yours. In the last few years, we have initiated several eco-friendly programs to do our part in helping to improve the environment, including:

- Obtaining Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification at our corporate headquarters
- Implementing aggressive recycling programs at multiple facilities
- Utilizing environmentally friendly building materials, including energy-efficient glass, lighting and cooling systems
- Encouraging employee park-and-ride and carpool programs

Start in the OR where a large portion of the waste is generated

Presource® Products and Services, a provider of procedure packs solutions, is positioned to help you with your green initiatives. At **Presource®**, we understand your need to cut costs and alleviate the strain on the environment through waste and energy use reduction.

Presource® Procedure Pack Solutions reduce:

- The amount of waste and unused items destined for landfills by customizing each procedure pack to your specific needs
- The amount of packaging materials thrown out as general waste through the consolidation of individual supplies into procedure packs
- Energy consumption and labor due to processing returns



Facts about healthcare waste and energy use

- U.S. healthcare facilities add ~100 million square feet of land space annually, generating 110,000 tons of construction waste
- In excess of 2 million tons of general waste is generated annually by U.S. healthcare facilities – equivalent to more than 220,000 dumpsters
- Of the waste generated by U.S. healthcare facilities, 85% is non-infectious
- Inpatient facilities spend more than \$5.3 billion per year on energy
- Hospital carbon emissions are more than 40x that of an average commercial office building



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Procedure Pack Program Assessment

Our process begins with an assessment of your current clinical practice and component usage. Based on the information gathered, we design a procedure pack program to your unique needs. Our extensive product portfolio provides numerous options to ensure you have the right pack for the right procedure, as well as the right components in the pack.

Our pack program specialists and clinicians work with you to ensure your packs contain exactly what you need and nothing more, maximizing value and minimizing waste.

Additionally, a procedure pack program cuts down on the amount of packaging waste versus picking single sterile items. Excess packaging is eliminated because bulk items are packaged into one set of packaging.

Preference Card Solution

In addition to eliminating inefficiencies, good preference card management is also key to managing waste. If preference cards are not maintained, items are often opened and not used, increasing returns, waste and reprocessing. Through our preference card engagement, our experienced clinical team works with the appropriate members of your team to assess your existing preference card system or process to ensure your top surgical procedure preference cards contain accurate and consistent information. In addition to improvements in accuracy, productivity, staff satisfaction and data management, you will also benefit from a reduction in returns and waste.

Talk to your local **Presource**[®] sales representative today to schedule an assessment or preference card engagement.

What you can do now...

In addition to the help **Presource**[®] can provide, there are many things you can do now on your own.

- Educate your staff on practices to reduce energy consumption (H2E)
- Explore recycling programs for non-infectious waste (paper, irrigation bottles, sterilization wraps, metal cans, corrugated cardboard and other plastics)
- Provide recycling receptacles in areas where waste is generated
- Dispose of chemicals in accordance with state and local regulations (e.g., dilution/inactivation of solution)
- Consider reprocessing single-use medical devices
- Project C.U.R.E. (projectcure.org)
- Buy in bulk
- Purchase more energy efficient products
- Purchase products with less packaging
- Change your light bulbs to fluorescents
- Establish a plan to recycle used bulbs
- Purchase copiers that can print on both sides of the paper

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