

Inova Health System



Sustainability Policy Statement

Inova Health System is committed to establishing an environmental program that contributes to a safer and healthier environment for patients, employees, and the community.

Certification

Inova operates numerous hospitals, urgent care centers, and healthcare facilities in Fairfax County, five of which have received or are in the process of receiving LEED® certification. The most recent certification application is for the new Women's and Children's Center at Fairfax Hospital. Sustainable features at the new facility include low-flow plumbing, water cisterns, a rain garden, native planting, a white roof, window film, and solar panels.

Green Purchasing

Inova spends over \$1 billion each year on supplies, equipment, and services. In order to minimize the lifecycle impacts of products used, Inova's Supply Chain Management strategy incorporates environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP) principles.

Energy Tracking

To facilitate energy management and real-time data analytics, Inova recently installed sub-meters and remote viewing software at its five main hospital campuses. Inova has also been benchmarking its energy consumption with EPA Portfolio Manager since 2008. By using these tools Inova is able to more easily identify energy and cost saving opportunities.

Waste

Waste management is one of Inova's eight environmental focus areas. Its waste management strategies divert waste from landfills through re-use, repurposing, and recycling. In 2015 Inova recycled close to three million pounds of materials and donated 12,149 pounds of medical supplies to the international Brother's Brother Foundation. Additionally, Inova reduces its chemical waste by using Green Seal certified cleaning products where appropriate.

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Organization Type

Healthcare

Number of Fairfax County Employees

10,000+

Fun Facts

Inova has won numerous awards from Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading membership organization for sustainable healthcare communities.

In 2012, Inova's CEO and Director of Sustainability participated in a White House panel discussing the greening of America's hospitals.

In 2011, Inova became a Founding Sponsor of the Healthier Hospitals Initiative, a national movement to promote environmental health and sustainability within healthcare.