



**Hospital Policy Manual
Integrated Support Service Section**

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PURPOSE: Community Hospital Anderson recognizes and accepts the responsibility of environmental management as a high priority to ensure ethical and sustainable development; to establish policies, programs, and practices for conducting operations in an environmentally sound manner; to respect and protect the local, regional, and global environment; and to support sustainable, social and economic development while fulfilling our healthcare mission.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Community Hospital Anderson will:

- Integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all of our decision making and activities.
- Reduce waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable, or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical, and suitable.
- Promote efficient use of materials and resources throughout our facility including water, electricity, raw materials, and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable.
- Avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored, and disposed of.
- Establish an Environmental Preferable Purchasing (EPP) policy so that all waste is handled, reduced, reused, and recycled to the highest extent possible and/or disposed of through safe and responsible methods.

- Focus on assessment, pollution prevention, and control of environmental impacts of hospital operations activities and services.
- Implement systems and standard operating procedures to maintain compliance with all applicable U.S. EPA, state of Indiana, and local jurisdiction environmental requirements.
- Provide adequate resources and personnel with the necessary training, skills, and knowledge to carry out the duties and responsibilities as specified in the EPP and other related policies and related activities.
- Ensure that all employees are aware of their role and responsibility to fulfill and sustain Community Hospital Anderson's environmental, health and safety management systems, and policies.
- Conduct an annual self-evaluation of all environmental goals, practices and policies and make appropriate changes to these policies and related activities to ensure continual improvement of the system.
- Prepare an annual report on progress in implementing this environmental policy and the EPP policy for our Board of Trustees to be part of the Environment of Care Report.
- Communicate our environmental commitment to our customers and the public and encourage them to support it.

Disclaimer: This policy formalizes an environmental ethic with criteria by which environmental performance can be assessed. The terms "may" and "might" are not meant to encompass every imaginable consequence. Rather, these principles obligate Community Hospital Anderson to conduct business with a strong commitment to environmental excellence and to human health and safety. These principles are not intended to create new legal liabilities, expand existing rights or obligations, waive legal defenses, or otherwise affect the legal position of Community Hospital Anderson.

**Environment of Care
Environmental Management Goals**

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Utilities:

- Continue to work on office and common areas with lighting upgrades
- Continue to implement the use of occupancy sensors in restrooms, lobbies, and offices to turn off lighting when vacant
- Upgrade fluorescent lighting in the hospital to LEDs during remodels
- Replace original AHU in the basement that feeds dietary to more efficient AHU with better automated controls
- Replace AHU in ICU to better efficient unit with better automated controls
- Replace surgery AHU to higher efficient AHU for better controls and to provide more air and control the negative-to-positive air relationships needed

Hazardous Materials:

- Continue to monitor and reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated in our facility.
 - Continue to monitor Mercury and strive for elimination
- Track hazardous waste generation and evaluate reduction strategies
- Continue to reduce quantity of hazardous substances entering the facility to the least amount practical for use, and when possible, substitute for a less hazardous substance