

Healthy Environments Support Healthy People



UW Health has a proud history of serving our patients, educating the next generation of care providers, advancing healthcare innovation, and improving the health of our communities. Building on our past success, we are taking environmental health to the next level in pursuit of our new vision, Remarkable Healthcare. We commit to:



Engaged Leadership

- Make a public commitment prioritizing environmental health, safety, and social equity in an effort to help achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and reduced cost for the communities we serve
- Embed sustainability in HR and Wellness
- Establish a partnership with UW-Madison Center for Climate Research and UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health to collaborate on research to make the connection between human health and the health of the environment
- Identify sustainable opportunities at all seven UW Health hospitals



Less Waste

- Reduce the volume and toxicity of our waste to protect public health and use environmentally sound waste and disposal practices



Smarter Purchasing

- Employ smarter purchasing strategies by looking at products that avoid chemicals of concern, improve energy and water efficiency, and optimize waste minimization strategies



Leaner Energy & Water

- Improve energy and water efficiency across UW Health's portfolio of space to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect human health
- Evaluate renewable energy sources to further reduce UW Health's greenhouse gas emissions and protect public health



Safer Chemicals

- Actively address chemicals of concern as identified by the Healthier Hospitals Initiative and look for opportunities to safely manage, eliminate, or find alternatives to protect the health of patients, staff, and the environment



Healthy Food

- Provide access to healthy, responsible food and beverage options to improve the health of patients, staff and the communities we serve
- Reduce the amount of food we send to the local landfill

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