

VA Green Routine



The 2010 Green Routine Award Nominations

Congratulations to all the Award nominees for their *grassroots* efforts to improve the sustainability performance of the Department of Veterans Affairs!

Recycling

Staff at these VA facilities have taken the initiative to develop a wide range of recycling programs that span everything from the usual office paper and plastic to computers, batteries, eyeglasses, cell phones, pharmacy bottles and platinum cardiac catheter tips. Where municipal collection programs are lacking, VA staff step up to collect recyclable materials and drop them off at recycling centers or collection sites. That's dedication!

Buffalo VA Medical Center 
Buffalo, NY

VA Illiana Healthcare System
Danville, IL

Redding VA Outpatient Clinic
Redding, CA

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System
Castle Point, NY

Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks/OI&T
Fayetteville, AR

Knoxville Outpatient Clinic
Knoxville, TN

Coatesville VA Medical Center
Coatesville, PA

VA Regional Office Waco
Waco, TX

Wilkes Barre VA Medical Center
Wilkes Barre, PA

VA Puget Sound, American Lake Division
Lakewood, WA

Portland VA Medical Center
Portland, OR

Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital - Behavior Service Line
Columbia, MO

Cincinnati VISN 10 Contracting Cincinnati VA Medical Center
Cincinnati, OH

Indianapolis VA Medical Center
Indianapolis, IN

Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System
Little Rock, AR

VA Medical Center
Memphis, TN

Waste Reduction

Whether it's finding ways to reduce paper use, cut food waste or divert trash to composting programs, staff at these VA facilities are doing their part. Instituting these kinds of programs takes a coordinated effort to educate staff about new processes and waste diversion streams—but the payoffs can be substantial.

Radiology Department 
Manchester VA Medical Center
Manchester, NH

Nutrition and Food Services 
St. Cloud VA Medical Center
St. Cloud, MN

Nutrition and Food Services
San Francisco VA Medical Center
San Francisco, CA

Center for Imaging of Neurodegenerative Diseases
San Francisco VA Medical Center
San Francisco, CA

Resource Conservation

The most elegant solutions to reducing an environmental footprint can come in the form of the fuel we avoid burning, the toner we never use, the lights we turn off, and the things we reuse. These VA facilities have teams that have developed creative ways to lighten their footprint by developing alternative commuting programs and implementing smarter operations.

Milwaukee Bike to Work Program 
Milwaukee Regional Office
Milwaukee, WI

The JRRD Green Initiative
Journal of Rehabilitation Research & Development
Baltimore, MD

Education Goes Greener at Work
Greater Los Angeles VA
Los Angeles, CA

Van Pool
Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare
Biloxi, MS

 2010 Green Routine Award Winners