

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Statement of Environmental Principles

In an effort to promote healthier communities, both locally and globally, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) is committed to improving environmental management throughout the organization. DHMC will manage its operations in a manner demonstrably protective of environmental and human health.

DHMC will constantly seek new and innovative ways to meet its environmental goals through conservation, reduction, reuse and recycling programs, and through partnering with others in the community to safeguard the environment.

DHMC will apply these principles to achieve optimal environmental standards consistent with institutional goals and financial consideration.

In an effort to respect and protect the earth's resources, and to minimize environmental damage, DHMC will:

- Manage, minimize and eliminate, whenever possible, the use of hazardous materials.
- Use renewable natural resources and conserve non-renewable natural resources through cost-efficient use and careful planning.
- Use pollution prevention initiatives to reduce negative environmental impacts.
- Minimize the generation of waste through source reduction, re-use and recycling programs.
- Conserve energy and improve the energy efficiency of our operations and make every effort to use and promote environmentally safe, cost-effective and sustainable energy sources.
- Ensure the health and safety of our employees by promoting safe work practices, reducing exposure, using safe technologies, and implementing effective emergency preparedness programs.
- Provide employees with safety and environmental information through training and education programs in order for them to make work/practice decisions in support of these principles.
- Monitor and evaluate our practices as they relate to these environmental principles.