

Wheeling Hospital Kicks Off Go Green Initiative

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WHEELING, W.Va. – The Go Green Initiative at Wheeling Hospital is in full swing, and participation of staff and visitors is encouraged.

The Housekeeping Department, led by Sean Siscick, is at the forefront of the initiative.

“Our Go Green Committee has been meeting for nearly a year, and we identified several areas where recycling could be accomplished,” Siscick said. “Recycling isn’t hard to do, and it provides economic and environmental benefits.”

Departments have been working with the Housekeeping Department to recycle magazines, newspapers, soft covered books and non-confidential papers. The hospital also provides a confidential shredding service as part of the Go Green initiative.

There are disposal boxes in various locations of the hospital for used toner cartridges. Reusable boxes for needles are picked up three times weekly and cardboard is compacted daily for pickup every two weeks.

Recycling doesn’t end there. Grease from the kitchen is being picked up and recycled by an outside vendor, and used oil from the Maintenance Department is regularly hauled away.

The hospital's Schiffler Cancer Center also has "gone green." For years the center has been recycling brass/aluminum treatment devices and lead containers.

The Go Green Committee also is placing containers in various areas of the hospital for recycling plastic, aluminum cans and glass bottles.