

Environmental Sustainability

Products and practices for future generations



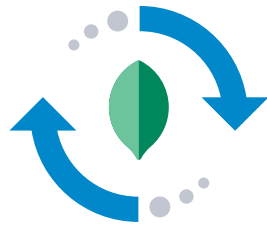
**Your partner
for a better
tomorrow**

Protecting our future by protecting our planet

The issue of climate change can't be ignored and addressing it takes big-picture thinking. We believe sustainability is a pressing healthcare issue requiring solutions that recognize the essential relationship between climate change and human health.

We're committed to helping healthcare run more sustainably—implementing practices that are scalable, eco-friendly and energy efficient, while encouraging our partners to do the same by offering solutions that help them reduce waste while saving on cost.

Our sustainability initiatives fall into two distinct categories:



Climate resilience and environmental action

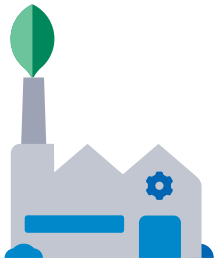
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Air emissions
- Waste management
- Water and wastewater



Responsible products

- Sustainable products, programs and packaging
- Product safety
- Product labeling and marketing





Climate resilience and environmental action

We're committed to building a more environmentally sustainable business by investing in 'green' technologies and creating practical solutions to conserve natural resources and reduce waste. We're reducing our carbon footprint and helping our customers to do the same.

Renewable energy

We've invested heavily in renewable energy sources across our organization. We have three geothermal locations that use the temperature beneath the earth's surface to heat and cool our buildings—eliminating the need for fossil fuels burned on site—and we've installed solar panels at seven of our locations worldwide:

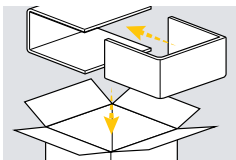
- More than 24,000 solar panels to date
- An excess of 10 gWh is generated annually--equivalent to a year of electricity usage for over 1,280 homes.

Our green efforts don't stop there:

- 94% of our distribution space is LEED certified
- Nine of our sites are ISO 14001 certified
- In 2021, we donated over 275 metric tons of surplus product to overseas clinics in need of medical supplies
- Through our MedTrans EPA SmartWay partnership, our drivers are incentivized to improve fuel efficiency—using GPS tracking and onboard monitoring tools to optimize routes and reduce idling time



Sustainable programs



Sustainable Packaging Lab

Our Sustainable Packaging Lab addresses supply chain waste. The cross-functional team of R&D, sustainability, operations and design experts and engineers is reimagining the way we package products—from the waste it generates to the space and time it takes up.



ReNewal Reprocessing

We help our partners reduce waste by reprocessing their medical devices so that they may be used again. Since 2014, [Medline ReNewal](#) have taking in over 25 million instruments as of September of 2022 to be reprocessed and diverted 1,868 metric tons of waste from landfills—an amount equivalent to 147 million water bottles.



Waste-to-Energy Gloves Program

This program transforms exam gloves into clean, renewable energy. Since its launch in 2018, we have transformed 2,156 pounds of gloves from 23 different partners into clean energy.



Instrument Take Back

Eco-friendly recovery of premium surgical instruments from the waste stream helps reduce regulated medical waste costs.



Tote Exchange

We deliver products in reusable totes instead of cardboard containers to help reduce the amount of cardboard in our supply chain.



Sustainable products



Our greensmart® program is a combination of products, services and education that help you implement successful green initiatives. You'll experience cost savings, more satisfied workers, increased patient satisfaction and a healthier community. Our [Green Product Portfolio](#) offers a growing selection of environmentally-friendly products. To become a part of our Green Product Portfolio, a product must meet one of our seven [Green Product Standards](#). Look for our greensmart® product logo on qualifying products.



Healthcare essentials

Our **PerforMAX™** textiles are made from innovative, 100% synthetic micropoly fabric that lasts longer than traditional cotton blends. PerforMax sheets, towels, gowns and scrubs are quick drying, and cost effective.

Environmental services

Our **neutral floor cleaner**, **glass cleaner**, and **multi-surface peroxide cleaner** are GreenSeal™ certified, meaning they have been formulated without harmful chemicals.

Our **Free & Clear Laundry Detergent** with built-in fabric softener is pH balanced, bio-based, greywater and septic safe and is gentle on skin.

Operating room

Suction canisters are designed for the collection of bodily fluids, liquids, and aspiration waste. On average, our semi-rigid liners use 70% less plastic, making our liners less expensive and less wasteful.

SteriSet reusable, metal sterilization containers reduce waste by eliminating the need for disposable filters and locks—plus, each container lasts up to 10 years, greatly reducing emissions from regular deliveries of disposable sterilization wrap.

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