



DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital

Sustainability Policy

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DoveLewis Vision for Sustainable Action

With this Sustainability plan, DoveLewis aims to be a better steward of the environment and increase the positive impact it has on the community of Portland. This plan augments what has already been done at DoveLewis to lessen impact and contribute to the community. The goal of the plan is to use improved business practices that further decrease the use of valuable resources while continuing to provide services that contribute to the well being of the pets served by DoveLewis and the people who love them.

GreenTeam at DoveLewis

DoveLewis has instituted a voluntary sustainability council comprised of a mix of staff from both the direct patient care and business and programs divisions of the Hospital. This GreenTeam will meet quarterly to review current policy and to brainstorm ideas on how DoveLewis can maintain momentum in the adoption of sustainable practices and provide continuing education on sustainability topics for the staff.

Goals for Increased Sustainability at DoveLewis

1. Decrease energy use. DoveLewis will purchase Energy Star and Energy Trust certified equipment as old equipment needs to be replaced. Benefit will be financial savings on energy bills.
2. Decrease water use. DoveLewis will partner with Portland Water Bureau to install low flow shower heads and aerators for faucets to decrease water use. Benefit will be savings in annual water expenditures and sewer fees.
3. Decrease paper use. DoveLewis will explore ways to decrease paper use, examining the role of e-storage for patient files and other important Hospital information. Benefits include decreased costs related to the purchase, storage, and disposal of paper filing systems.
4. Decrease waste. DoveLewis will increase use of durable supplies such as water pitchers and glasses, which are already available to staff. Benefit will be saving from decreased purchases of bottled water and savings in waste hauling.
5. Increase use of sustainable goods and services. DoveLewis will continue to explore new ways to incorporate sustainable items into all Hospital processes. By supporting businesses that incorporate sustainability into their product lines, DoveLewis can fuel change on a broader scale. Benefit is in long-term incorporation of sustainability into other businesses due to consumer expectation.
6. Increase number of employees who use alternative transportation. DoveLewis will participate in the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's Bike Commute Challenge in September, as well as encourage those employees that use public transportation or walk to work. Benefit in healthier employees, and healthier community.
7. Increase partnerships with local companies that align with sustainability values. By including resources that promote sustainable activities to the groups that already support DoveLewis, the adoption of more sustainable pet care will become known by more pet owners.
8. Continuously improve practices to benefit the Hospital, the environment, and the communities in which DoveLewis practices. Maintaining a partnership with the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to evaluate the efforts being made and work toward recognition status with the city. Benefit to the Hospital is marketing opportunities for the segment of the population that support companies that align with their personal values of sustainability.