

# Inova Health System Sustainability Timeline



**1992**

Inova partners with Healthcare Forum and Modern Healthcare to host landmark conference on the impact of health care on the environment

Inova facilities recycle cardboard and paper and donate surplus medical supplies and old linens

**2006**

Inova joins Virginia Hospitals for a Healthy Environment

All Inova hospitals receive Making Medicine Mercury Free awards

Inova implements battery recycling program

**2008**

System-level "Sustainability Engineer" position created  
Green teams established at each hospital

Inova CEO Knox Singleton signs EPA Energy Star Commitment letter

Energy audits conducted at all Inova hospitals

Inova implements Green Seal-approved cleaning chemicals

**2010**

Inova prevents over 3.8 million pounds of waste from entering landfills or incinerators through waste reduction efforts

Preferred parking spots for carpools, vanpools and hybrids established at all Inova hospitals

Inova becomes a sponsor of the Northern Virginia chapter of Buy Fresh Buy Local

Ground is broken on Inova Fairfax Hospital's South Patient Tower (SPT)

Inova switches 40 most popular office supplies to environmentally preferable options, saving 3,500 trees and \$27,000

**1994**

Inova maps out entire waste stream of hospitals to ensure compliance with all state regulations

**1995**

Inova participates in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Lights program

**2007**

System-level Environmental Oversight Committee established

**2009**

Inova begins to benchmark waste, water and energy usage in partnership with the EPA; hospitals recycle an average of 130 tons per month

All Inova hospitals receive Practice Greenhealth's Partner for Change Award

Inova hosts Sustainability in Healthcare conference

Monthly farmers' markets implemented in hospital cafeterias

**2011**

Inova donates over 75 tons of clinical supplies, medical equipment, furniture and linens

Inova's Double Dollars SNAP Assistance program launches at two local farmers' markets

Inova hosts events such as RC Bus Races, Waste Carnivals, Scavenger Hunts, E-Waste Recycling, Paper Shredding and Tree Seedling Giveaways

Inova's first-annual sustainability report is released

Inova partners with DC Fashion Week to host first Project Blue Wrap eco-fashion design competition

Inova becomes a founding sponsor of the Healthier Hospitals Initiative

**2012**

Inova prevents over 50,000 pounds of materials from entering landfills and saves over \$1 million annually by implementing a single-use device reprocessing program

Inova partners with Volunteer Fairfax organization to provide volunteer service project for children in the community on MLK Jr. Day of Service

Employee Commuter Shuttle Bus program launches at Inova Fairfax Hospital

Inova launches Take & Bake Cooking Class series focused on healthy, local, seasonal foods; follows up with Local Food Olympics system-wide cooking competition in July

CEO Knox Singleton and Director of Sustainability Seema Wadhwa present on a White House panel on Greening America's Hospitals