

Q: Does the BLUE RENEW* recycling program cost our hospital money to implement?

A: There is no cost for Halyard to assist your facility with the BLUE RENEW* recycling program, and you should not experience internal costs for operating the program. Depending on your collector's business practice, they may charge for each pick-up or require to re-write your contract to show collection of blue wrap.

Q: Does the hospital get paid for collecting?

A: Since there are many costs associated with transporting, sorting and baling your blue wrap by your collector, any revenue generated by this program is paid to them.

Q: How do we find a collector to pick up the wrap?

A: Halyard will assist you in engaging a vendor – who already provides services to your facility – in implementing the BLUE RENEW* recycling program. The idea is to create a backhaul system that services your hospital with their main business, and also facilitates the removal of the blue wrap.

Q: Do the tape and labels on the blue wrap need to be removed during collection?

A: All tape and labels can remain on the wrap, but it's a good idea to remove any existing large instruction sheets prior to collection.

Q: Is this program only available in the OR?

A: Once we start collecting in the OR, the program can be introduced to all other departments within the facility (L&D, SPD...)

Q: How do we train our staff?

A: Halyard's BLUE RENEW* Consultant will collaborate with your local Halyard sales representative to handle all phases of the program. Once a collector has been selected, we will coordinate with you to schedule an in-service day and time to train all your OR shifts on the Blue Renew collection process.

Q: Can we put other plastics in the collection bag?

A: BLUE RENEW* is a complete OR recycling program; however, it is vital that the program start off slowly and very clean. For this reason, we recommend only blue wrap is put in the collection bag. Once a discipline is built within the OR to collect clean blue wrap, we can start to add saline bottles and other clean recyclables.

Q: Can we collect blue wrap during the surgery?

A: Clean blue wrap collection is only allowed before surgery and must be tied off pre-incision to help prevent contamination.

Q: How often does the collector pick up the wrap?

A: This will depend on the size of your hospital and how often the collector services the facility. Halyard will assist in setting a pickup schedule that works for everyone.

Q: What if we don't have extra space at our facility to support the program?

A: We understand space issues, but the good news is we have set up close to 300 programs with most facilities having the same concern. We will help make it work!

Q: Who supplies the blue wrap collection bins?

A: It is your responsibility to supply bins for blue wrap collection in the OR, but often the collector will supply bins for the dirty room and loading dock.

Q: What happens to the blue wrap once it leaves our facility?

A: It is very important to Halyard that all wrap stay in the United States. We have aligned with recyclers that melt the material into resin which can be used in all types of 'second life' products. In fact, Halyard has aligned with a company that manufactures products from BlueCON™ Resin, which is derived directly from Halyard's BLUE RENEW* Recycling Program. These second life products include distribution and product totes, garbage cans, bedpans and wash basins, which are all available for purchase from Sustainable Solutions LLC.

Q: What happens if non-blue wrap ends up in the collection bag?

A: There are two different types of non-blue wrap waste: Infectious and non-infectious waste. It is very important to remember that your facility is accountable for placing infectious waste in the correct bag and your collector could at any time cease the program if they see an occurrence of infectious waste entering the waste stream. If collection is completed pre-incision, contamination is easily avoidable.

Q: Can we get recycling numbers back from the collector for our Sustainability report?

A: Yes. The collector will provide Halyard with quarterly or semi-annual collection numbers, from which we will create your customized annual Blue Renew sustainability report.

Q: Why is Halyard helping with this program?

A: In today's environment, participating in a recycling program is a tremendous undertaking. Halyard's goal is to simplify that process and enable healthcare facilities to take concrete steps to reduce their carbon footprint and achieve their overarching sustainability goals.