

ST. MARTHA'S REGIONAL

Our ORs were stalled in recycling blue drapes and wrap until Halyard's BLUE RENEW* wrap recycling program became known to us.

The BLUE RENEW* program has been instrumental in creating a blue drape and wrap recycling program in our health zone, one that will hopefully expand into a provincial and, eventually, national recycling program.

Thank you BLUE RENEW*!

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Thank you for not allowing it to go to landfill! Appreciate all the help to get it picked up! Very easy process with you guys. Wonderful recycling program. BLUE RENEW* is a very easy process and wonderful recycling program!

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We started our blue wrap recycling program back in 2010, at a time when very few hospitals had even heard of the possibility of recycling. We had so many challenges in those early days, especially finding vendors to take the wrap. We learned that a lot of our recyclables, including blue wrap, were going to China because of so few vendors being able to take it. When we learned that was happening, it felt so wrong to be spending all of this time collecting and storing it, only for it to be shipped so far away without knowing if it was actually recycled.

In 2016, UVMMC, Casella Waste and Halyard teamed up to discuss ways to divert the blue wrap from our current export markets to US based processors. Halyard helped us by introducing our knowledge to area health care systems, help existing blue wrap programs at health systems with troubled programs, schedule quarterly phone calls to discuss challenges and celebrate successes and continue to track what happens to blue wrap once it left our institution. Halyard knew that UVMMC wanted to make sure the downstream recyclers were seeing our program as a long term solution, that all of our blue wrap waste was being exported, leading to uncertainty on the program staying sustainable. Halyard advised that there were plenty of markets in the US that we could align with Casella. The new process was finalized by assuring Casella that if they collect and store for full trailer loads, Halyard would align them with a customer.

To date, we have recycled over 70,000 pounds and now have added a new process by molding BlueCON Resin™ products from our blue wrap waste. Products such as material handling totes, urinals and basins are now available for purchase and UVMMC is discussing the purchase of these environmentally preferred products to close the loop with our blue wrap waste.

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