

Cook Medical Environmental Policy





What We Do Why We Do It

Our goal is to leave our
environment better
than we found it. We
like it when something
that's good for the
planet also makes good
business sense.

Introduction

Cook Medical is a company of doers. We were founded 50 years ago on the principle of “doing the right thing.” This philosophy still guides every decision we make— from how we treat our employees to how we work with our customers and figure out how to make healthcare more sustainable.

A few years ago, we committed ourselves to thinking about how we can be more proactive about reducing our environmental footprint. We created a road map that guides our investments in facility improvements and started building a cross-functional team that meets regularly to discuss opportunities and ways of testing big ideas.

We haven’t talked much about all the improvements we’ve made. That’s not our style. However, we’ve been listening, and we’re hearing that our customers, employees, and communities want to see our plan for protecting the environment.

In the following report, you’ll find information on our sustainability policy and strategies. It’s an introduction to what we’ve been doing, what we’re doing now, and what we hope to be able to do in the future.

If you want to know more, email us at sustainability@cookmedical.com.

Cook Medical Global Environmental Policy



At Cook Medical, we create technologies that improve patient care, and we believe it's our responsibility to minimize the environmental impact that stems from the production and delivery of those products. Because of this, we have committed to making sustainable business choices. These choices demonstrate our promise to our patients, customers, employees, and communities to always seek improvement. We have and will continue to comply with all applicable laws, and we will continue putting people and systems in place to:

- Prevent pollution
- Reduce waste
- Promote the sustainable use of natural resources

These objectives are the foundation for the following principles:



Our facilities

Recycling and reuse

If something has a value, it should be used. When it can't be reused, we look for ways to recycle.

Waste, energy, and water

Consumption and waste aren't going away, but we always consider new options for reducing emissions, pollution, waste, and use of natural resources.

Architecture and construction

At the beginning of all construction projects, we consider new green building technologies, plan for reuse of materials, and build to maximize efficiency of natural resources.



Our customers, employees, and communities

Ordering and shipping

We seek the most efficient balance of technology, time, and transportation to get products to patients in a way that minimizes any negative impact on the environment.

Suppliers and distributors

Partnerships are a reflection of our own values, so we hold our business partners accountable to the same standards we follow.

Restoration

Communities are the foundation of our business. We're always looking to create positive, lasting impacts on job creation and the spirit of our communities by putting old buildings back to use.



Our products, packaging, and operations

Products and packaging

When it comes to our products and packaging, we keep it simple and smart. We don't use hazardous materials, and we are always looking for ways to remove nonessential features that generate excess waste.

Compliance

Compliance to all applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations is a baseline. When it is possible to do more, we do.

Prevention

Regarding environmental health and safety, it's better to spend more time in the beginning making things right than to act retroactively. We are always working to prevent accidents that could endanger our employees and communities.

Strategies and Objectives



The following section outlines our goals. Each goal is accompanied by a performance objective or action item, and each correlates to an aspect of our policy and values. These objectives show where we're planning to go and how we're going to get there. They also keep us accountable and focused.



Our facilities

- Track and assess improvements for energy, waste, water, and emissions.
 - » Collect baseline information to guide improvement and to compare across all facilities.
 - » Begin building a system to track consumptions and use.
 - » Determine performance indicators for recycling/waste quantities and water/energy consumption.



Our customers, employees, and communities

- Improve inventory management, ordering and distribution efficiency, and consolidation.
 - » Partner with three integrated delivery networks or hospitals to test new initiatives.
 - » Collaborate with two nonprofit environmental/sustainability-focused organizations to find mutual areas of improvement and support.
- Build an inter-facility and cross-functional network to manage and execute sustainability initiatives.
 - » Designate sustainability representatives for each facility.
 - » Organize supply chain initiative and product lifecycle teams.
 - » Schedule periodic meetings to assess progress on key goals.
- Create and implement an internal communication plan.
 - » Inform employees of recycling and other sustainability opportunities.
 - » Provide regular updates on our global website and in our internal newsletter.



Our products, packaging, and operations

- Continue to take all action necessary to ensure zero non-compliance issues with local and national environmental laws and policies.
- Assess packaging for three product lines, and investigate options for reducing material use and waste generation.

