

Did You Know?

Facts about BIDMC's Environmental Efforts

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Last year, BIDMC created 4,159 tons of waste. That's 16.6 pounds of waste for every patient we treated.

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Closing one laboratory hood sash when not in use can save \$1,800 to \$3,000 per year. That's the average electricity cost of two homes per year.

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During Fiscal Year 2011, BIDMC recycled 6.35 tons of batteries.

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By networking copy machines directly to PCs, employees can print for less cost and conserve energy. This also requires fewer toner cartridges.

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It costs more than \$9 per gallon to drink water from 16 oz bottles but just \$.006 from our fountains and faucets.

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More than 5,000 light sensors are installed around BIDMC. They save \$150,000 per year by automatically shutting off lights in unoccupied areas after 5-20 min.

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By asking catering to serve tap water at your functions you can help reduce the 4 tons of plastic bottles we use each year.

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Showers are available for BIDMC bike commuters: East Campus-Rabb 0445; West Campus-Libby 1 men's room; Palmer 2 & 3 on-call room showers; CLS: 4th floor bathroom; Research North: public bathrooms on each floor

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To conserve paper, employees can elect to "go paperless" by eliminating paystubs and reviewing paychecks online.

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BIDMC employees who sign-up for a Zipcar membership can get their application fees waived and a reduced annual fee.

BIDMC WINS







National Awards

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT

-  2011 Mass Saves Energy award
-  2011 ACT Transportation Demand Management Excellence Award from the Association for Commuter Transportation/Patriot Chapter
-  2011 Best Research Facility Energy Project in New England from the Association of Energy Engineers
-  2012 ECO Pinnacle Award from The Massachusetts Department of Transportation for exemplary contributions in the field of Commuter Options
-  2012 Spotlight Award for Leadership in Commuter Options from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
-  2010 & 2011 named Boston's Most Bike Friendly Business and won The Mayor's Gold bike Friendly Business award
-  2011 and 2012: Practice Greenhealth's Partner for Change With Distinction award
-  2012 Silver Bike Friendly Business Award from the League of American Bicyclists
-  2012 City of Boston Green Business Award
-  2012 VHA Leadership Award for Sustainability Excellence

BIDMC Environmental Report Card

At the beginning of FY 2010, BIDMC set audacious environmental sustainability goals. Here is our progress for the past 6 months. Detailed quarterly reports are available on the BIDMC portal.

FISCAL YEAR 2013 GOAL	CURRENT	STATUS
Recycling Rate: 35%	31%	
Waste Reduction: 5%	6% increase	
Energy Reduction: 7%	6.87%	
Water Reduction: 6%	1.3%	
Vehicle Fuel Reduction: 30%	29%	
Hazardous Chemicals Reduction: 5%	Styrofoam out of cafeteria; research chemicals identified for substitution	
Reduce drive-alone commuters by 225	69 net switches	