



## Requirement Checklist for Medical & HealthCare Institutions



### General Criteria *(Must achieve all General Criteria to receive certification)*

- All paper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail and cardboard are recycled.
- All glass bottles, metal cans, plastic bottles (including those without a deposit) and #5 plastic containers are recycled.
- Facility has a system-wide process in place to keep recyclable items separate from the trash (such as desk side recycling containers) and ensures that these separated recyclables are placed in outside recycling containers for pick up and are not thrown in with the trash.
- Recycling collection is provided through the business' waste hauler or another method is in place to transport and recycle the materials (i.e. business self-hauls material to a [Material Recovery Facility](#) or to OCRRA's [Rock Cut Road Transfer Station](#), depending on volume.) *Proof required if self-hauling option is utilized.*
- List one or more waste reduction practices the business has implemented to reduce waste in the workplace (Example: use less paper, provide reusable water bottles or coffee mugs to employees for reuse, etc.) Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are recycled.
- Participates in a business battery recycling program (for example: Call2Recycle - [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)).
- Sharps are collected from the community and are properly disposed as medical waste (hospitals & nursing homes).
- Shredded paper, in addition to other non-confidential paper is recycled.
- In all food service areas glass bottles, metal cans and plastic bottles used in meal preparation are recycled.
- Business has a formal written policy on recycling.
- Electronics are recycled (including computers, monitors, printers and other peripheral equipment); items cannot be thrown in the trash.
- Purchase copy paper containing at least 30% recycled content.

### Reduce & Reuse: Choose Two (or more) Measures:

- All Styrofoam products have been eliminated from the cafeteria.
- Set copy machine(s) defaults to "double-side documents" to reduce paper usage.
- Leftover meals are donated to a food bank, if possible.
- Pre-consumer food waste is composted.
- Store medical records electronically, thereby reducing paper usage.
- Provide contact information for three other Onondaga County businesses that you feel may be interested in achieving Blue Ribbon Recycler Certification \_\_\_\_\_  
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- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ (For OCRRA Consideration).

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