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**Pardee to implement new “Green” initiatives on Earth Day**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* On Wednesday, April 22 [Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) will implement new Green initiatives in honor and celebration of Earth Day 2009.

Associates will now have the opportunity to place their plastic and glass bottles, along with aluminum cans, into recycling bins located in the hospital’s Cafeteria. Pardee will also make [BPA-free](#) stainless steel travel mugs available for purchase by all associates, volunteers, medical staff and visitors. The mugs will be available at cost, in an attempt to reduce the volume of cups that are discarded each day.

These initiatives are two of the latest measures to be implemented by Pardee’s Green Committee. The Green Committee was established late last year to take inventory of existing hospital recycling programs and initiate new ones.

“As a community hospital, we feel that it is imperative to be socially responsible,” said Creative Director and Green Committee member Rick Prudhomme. “We are the second largest employer in Henderson County and we want to take the lead on green initiatives in our community. We need to re-use and recycle whenever possible.”

Under Prudhomme’s direction, the hospital recently printed its annual report on paper made from 100% post-consumer waste recycled fiber. The [FSC \(Forest](#)



[Stewardship Council](#)) certified paper was manufactured entirely with biogas energy from a landfill located near the paper mill. It was also printed using vegetable-based inks.

“We plan to print new brochures and collateral materials using this paper when feasible,” Prudhomme adds.

In addition, the hospital already had programs in place for recycling paper, cardboard, battery and print cartridges. The hospital’s Environmental Services Department also uses [Betco Green Earth Chemical Management](#) chemicals and equipment, which meet the [Green Seal Environmental Standards](#) for industrial and institutional cleaners. Pardee also recently contracted with Mission Health System’s Coop Laundry, which is known for its environmentally-friendly processes.

[Pardee Hospital](#) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](#). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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