

Designed for a healthy environment

Ontario Medical Center



We stand for total health. That means helping our members feel their best in mind, body, and spirit. It also means caring for the environment in which we live.

Kaiser Permanente is among the leaders in making the health care industry more sustainable. As part of that effort, we're designing and building our new hospitals, like our Ontario Medical Center, with green principles.

Here are some of the ways we're making our Ontario Medical Center a place of health and healing for both our patients and for the community:

Energy conservation:

- Maximized use of natural light
- White, heat-reflective roof reduces cooling needs
- Automatic entrance doors minimize the loss and gain of heat and cool air

Water conservation:

- Use of recycled water to irrigate landscape (expected to save 12 million gallons of clean water annually)
- Drought-resistant landscaping
- Low-flow toilets and plumbing fixtures
- Infrared motion sensors activate sinks and most toilets, reducing water waste
- Water-retention ponds filter and safely divert storm water back into the city water system

Toxin reduction:

- PVC-free wall protection
- Vinyl-free wall coverings
- Eco-friendly flooring made from sustainable materials
- Green cleaning supplies for housekeeping
- Reduction of chlorofluorocarbons in HVAC equipment by using refrigerant that doesn't deplete the ozone
- Elimination of mercury in medical equipment
- Use of low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paint

Sustainability:

- Campus-wide e-waste recycling program
- Comprehensive traditional recycling (paper, glass, plastic, cardboard, etc.)
- Surgical blue wrapper recycling program (donated to a local animal shelter for pet bedding)
- Carpet and other fixed furnishing finishes made of recycled content
- Bicycle racks to encourage clean, alternative transportation

Coming green improvements:

- Industrial composting for food waste
- Biodegradable single-use tableware and cutlery
- Satellite-controlled water irrigation
- Steel can recycling
- Green waste recycling
- Fuel cell installation
- Solar cells

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