

# ASHE Update

## Sustainability Notes from the ASHE Website & Health Facilities Management magazine

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## What is Sustainability?

Energy is sustainable if “it meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

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## Sustainability Efforts => Decarbonization => Reducing Greenhouse Gases

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## ASHE's Sustainable Commitments from HFM magazine



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# Why Participate?

## **Why and how does environmental sustainability affect health care?**

**Problem:** The environment contributes to people's wellbeing, contributing to chronic diseases, such as asthma and cancer, or to acute illnesses like heat exhaustion.

**Solution:** Everyone, including hospitals, needs to be a part of the solution and make changes that will help improve the environment.

**Premise:** Hospitals can reduce carbon emissions significantly with simple changes, such as reducing surgical waste, reducing toxic chemicals and installing life-saving renewable energy sources.

**Reason:** Hospital and health systems engaged in sustainable practices are doing so largely because it aligns with their humanitarian and stewardship mission and vision. Becoming a positive force for environmental health leads to human health and wellbeing.

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## Take Action and become more sustainable

Decarbonize your health care facility

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## Why should you Decarbonize?

Because pollution makes people sick.

We should be committed to clean the environment for our children's sake.

Wasteful operations in healthcare depletes natural resources.

Health care represents 4% of commercial floor space in the United States of Trump (just a couple clicks north of the Gulf of America). But consumes 9% of the energy. A little late afternoon humor.

Wasteful operations in healthcare is costly for your business.

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ASHE has many resources with sustainability topics to help you understand and develop your plan.

From guidance roadmaps => helpful tools => publications => webinars => groups => to fun challenges

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## Upcoming free ASHE webinar



### ASHE Collaborative Forum: Sustainability in Reliability-Centered Maintenance - June 18, 2025

[register](#)

Date: Jun 18, 2025 - Jun 18, 2025

#### Description:

In the Sustainability in Reliability Centered Maintenance Forum, participants will engage in discussion, led by the ASHE Sustainability RCM Task Force, to uncover if and how organizations are incorporating reliability centered maintenance strategies into their facility operations, how to better develop their RCM and energy efficiency/sustainability initiatives, and how these strategies are used in tracking RCM and sustainability strategies throughout health care facilities.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Identify opportunities to integrate reliability-centered maintenance (RCM) strategies with existing energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives in healthcare facility operations.
- Conduct a risk-informed assessment of facility assets to evaluate their impact on safety, operations, and sustainability goals.
- Develop a reliability-centered maintenance strategy for an asset based on its criticality, use level, and contribution to sustainability outcomes.
- Exchange and compare organizational practices and tools for tracking and aligning RCM efforts with program sustainability metrics.

#### Intended Audience:

- Health Care Facilities Managers and Directors
- Health Care Sustainability Managers
- ASHE RCM Members
- Individuals involved in Reliability-Centered Maintenance activities in the Health Care setting

#### Program Pricing:

- This is a free program.

#### Continuing Education Credits (CECs):

- This program is approved for 1.5 CECs toward renewal of the Certified Health Care Facility Manager (CHFM) certification.

**Time:**  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Central Time (US & Canada)

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The end of the ASHE Sustainability Update

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