

2007 EnviroGuard Company Profile

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY CENTER OF IDAHO

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY CENTER OF IDAHO, LLC (OSCI) opened its doors and began providing out-patient surgical services in February 2002 and currently is providing service to approximately 3200 patients each year. From the board of directors to the surgical and office staff, OSCI is dedicated to reducing the amount of solid waste that is generated at the facility.



OSCI initiatives include:

Equipment is sterilized in metal pans versus using paper wrappers that contain #5 plastic. To date, OSCI has avoided generating about 64,000 pieces of paper.

Instead of traditional x-rays, x-ray “mini intensifiers” that use thermal technology provide Polaroid-like photos for surgeons.

Facility is completely mercury free.

Energy efficient lighting is in use throughout facility.

All confidential waste paper is recycled through a local paper destruction company.

Internal paper generation is minimized by using a scanning system for long-term storage.

Non-confidential paper is sent to a printer and converted into scratch paper.

Lunch/break room is stocked with dishes, glassware, and silverware as well as a dish washer; reducing food related paper generation by 90%.

Staff recycles cardboard, aluminum, paper, and plastic.

Reusable cleaning supplies are used versus disposable.

Obsolete office furnishings and computers are donated to appropriate non-profit.