



Blue Renew Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** Does the Blue Renew recycling program cost our hospital money to implement?
- A:** There is no cost by Halyard to assist with the program and you should not experience any costs internally in running this program only savings from diverting the waste from the landfill. Depending on your collector's business practice they may charge for each pick-up or require to re-write your contract to show collection of blue wrap.
- Q:** Does the hospital get paid for collecting?
- A:** Since there are a lot of costs associated with collecting, transporting, sorting and baling your blue wrap by your collector, all revenue of this program is paid to them by an area recycler.
- Q:** How do we find a collector to pick up the wrap?
- A:** Halyard will assist you in engaging your existing vendors that are already servicing your facility. The idea is to create a backhaul program, they service your hospital with their main business, then take away the blue wrap as a value add service.
- Q:** Do the tape and labels on the blue wrap need to be removed during collection?
- A:** All tape and labels can remain on the wrap, it's a good idea to remove any large instruction sheet that may be affixed before collecting.
- Q:** Is this program only available in the OR?
- A:** Once we start collecting in the OR, the program can be introduced to all other departments within the facility (L&D, SPD...)
- Q:** How do we train our staff?
- A:** Halyard has their own Blue Renew Consultant that works with your local Halyard rep to handle all phases of the program. Once a collector has been selected and all steps of the process are complete, we will request an in-service day and time to train all your OR shifts on Blue Renew collection.
- Q:** Can we put other plastics in the collection bag?
- A:** Blue Renew is a complete OR recycling program; however, it is vital that the program start off slowly and very clean. For this reason, we recommend only blue wrap is put in the collection bag. Once a discipline is built within the OR to collect clean blue wrap, we can start to add saline bottles and other clean recyclables.

Q: Can we collect blue wrap during the surgery?

A: Clean blue wrap collection is only allowed before the surgery and must be folded and tied off prior to incision.

Q: How often does the collector pick up the wrap?

A: This will depend on the size of your hospital and how often the collector services the facility. Halyard will assist and recommend a pick-up frequency that works for everyone.

Q: Space is a major issue at our facility?

A: We understand space issues, but the good news is we have set up over 300 programs and all the hospital had the same concern. We will help make it work!

Q: Who supplies bins for collection?

A: Usually the hospital will supply bins for their own collection. Bins are required in the dirty/trash room and empty bins on the loading dock for switch out.

Q: What happens to the blue wrap once it leaves our facility?

A: It is very important to Halyard that all wrap stays in the U.S.A. We have aligned with recyclers that melt the material into resin which will be used in all types of products. In 2016, Halyard licensed BlueCON Resin®, which is made from 80% blue wrap. Products made from this Environmentally Preferred Resin such as bedpans, wash basins, disposable scrubs, patient care belonging bags and distribution totes are now available for purchase.

Q: What happens if non-blue wrap ends up in the collection bag?

A: There is obviously two different types of non-blue wrap waste; one is infectious waste and one is non-infectious waste. The collector will be trained on handling your blue wrap waste and will act accordingly if a non-blue wrap item ends up in the bag. But it is very important to remember that you are accountable for placing folded clean blue wrap only into collection bags, if any non-blue wrap or infectious contaminated waste ends up in the bag your collector handles, they could at any time stop the program. There is no reason for this to occur if we are collecting blue wrap pre-incision only, folding and tying off the bag correctly.

Q: Can we get recycling numbers back from the collector for our Sustainability report?

A: Absolutely, we work with the collector to provide quarterly or semi-annual collection numbers back to you.

Q: Why is Halyard helping with this program?

A: Since we are the manufacturer of blue wrap, we feel obligated to offer a sustainable recycling solution to our customers. It is important for us that you see the value add to your Health system in a program of this nature and hopefully create a longer-term contract to support this initiative.