



## Healthcare and Sustainability

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We frequently hear the word ‘sustainability’ today and may wonder how it applies to healthcare settings. Sustainability has been described simply as the human population living in a way that doesn’t prevent or inhibit future generations from meeting their own needs.<sup>1</sup> The Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI), is a coalition of major health systems and organizations committed to improving sustainability and safety across the healthcare sector, and has created the Healthier Hospitals Agenda to chart a path to a healthier, more sustainable and more cost effective healthcare systems.<sup>2</sup> The HHI has joined with other organizations that focus on sustainability in healthcare to utilize their expertise to develop and implement their agenda. These organizations include:

- [Healthcare Without Harm](#)
- [Practice Green Health](#)
- [The Center for Health Design](#)

How we design, build and operate hospitals and choose products can improve patient outcomes and workplace safety, help prevent illness, create extraordinary environmental benefits, and save billions of dollars. The Healthier Hospital program is a call-to-action and an invitation for health care organizations across the country to join the shift to a more sustainable business model, and a challenge for them to address the health and environmental impacts of their sector. There are six [HHI Challenges](#) designed to help healthcare organizations commit to sustainability goals and track their environmental efforts. They include:

- Engaged leadership
- Healthier food
- Leaner energy
- Less waste
- Safer chemicals
- Smarter purchasing

The Challenges are designed to make them accessible to healthcare organizations of all sizes and levels of sustainability experience by allowing them to pick and choose goals according to their specific capabilities and resources.

“Going green”, or creating a sustainable hospital environment may seem like a daunting task. There are many initiatives that can be done to help contribute to a sustainable environment, such as creating a rainwater collection system, developing a healing garden, or purchasing furniture made from recyclable materials. A simpler place to start might be supporting a recycling program, and by looking at the packaging and ingredients of the products that are chosen by the product selection committee. Hand hygiene and Infection Prevention programs remain a key component of patient and employee safety initiatives. Choosing sustainable products to support hand hygiene contributes to sustainable solutions in a hospital.

1. UNT Health Science Center (2015). Sustainability & Public Health: The Relationship Between Human Health and the Environment  
 2. Healthier Hospitals Initiative: Improving sustainability and safety in healthcare.

**THAT'S  
a FACT!**

GOJO launched PURELL® Green Certified Instant Hand Sanitizer in 2010 as the world's first green certified hand sanitizer.

First to meet an independent, 3rd party, type-1 eco-label environmental standard for hand antiseptics.

# Product Feature

## GREEN CERTIFIED HAND HYGIENE SOLUTIONS

Choose from a full line of Green Certified hand sanitizers and hand washing solutions that help support community and environmental wellness throughout your healthcare facility.

### PURELL® GREEN CERTIFIED PRODUCTS



- EcoLogo Certified
- Made with 100% naturally renewable ethanol
- Meets the USDA BioPreferred program for biobased content<sup>3</sup>
- Formulas are readily biodegradable<sup>4</sup>
- Fragrance free and dye free
- Sustainable packaging design

Description	Order Number	Case Pack	Uses Dispenser
<b>PURELL Advanced Hand Sanitizer ULTRA NOURISHING™ Luxurious Foam</b>			
LTX-12™ 1200 mL Refill	1909-02	2	1920-04
LTX-7™ 700 mL Refill	1309-03	3	1320-04
TFX™ - 1200 mL Refill	5389-02	2	2720-12
Pump Bottle - 535 mL	5799-04	4	5700-06, 5701-12, 5704-06-BLU
Pump Bottle - 45 mL	5699-24	24	9608-24
<b>PURELL Advanced Green Certified Instant Hand Sanitizer Foam</b>			
LTX™ - 1200 mL Refill	1904-02	2	1920-04
LTX™ - 700 mL Refill	1304-03	3	1320-04
TFX™ - 1200 mL Refill	5391-02	2	2720-12
ADX™ - 1200 mL Refill	8804-03	3	8820-06
ADX™ - 700 mL Refill	8704-04	4	8720-06
Pump Bottle - 535 mL	5798-04	4	5700-06, 5701-12, 5704-06-BLU
<b>PURELL Advanced Hand Sanitizer Green Certified Gel</b>			
LTX™ - 1200 mL Refill	1903-02	2	1920-04
LTX™ - 700 mL Refill	1303-03	3	1320-04
TFX™ - 1200 mL Refill	5491-04	4	2720-12
ADX™ - 1200 mL Refill	8803-06	3	8820-06
ADX™ - 700 mL Refill	8703-04	4	8720-06
12 fl oz Pump Bottle	3691-12	12	9008-12, 5704-06-BLU
8 fl oz Pump Bottle	9691-12	12	9614-12, 9600-PL1
<b>PURELL Dispensers and Accessories</b>			
LTX™ (Touch Free) - 1200 mL	1920-04	4	
LTX™ (Touch Free) - 700 mL	1320-04	4	
TFX (Touch Free) - 1200 mL	2720-12	12	
ADX™ (Push Style) - 1250 mL	8820-06	6	
ADX™ (Push Style) - 700 mL	8720-06	6	
Pump Bottle Wall Bracket - 535 mL	5700-06	6	
Hook-On Holder	5701-12	12	
VERSAHOLD™ Point of Care Bracket	5704-06-BLU		
PERSONAL Gear Retractable Clip	9608-24	24	

3. Certified by a third-party ASTM compliant test facility using the ASTM International Isotope Standard Method D6866, in accordance with 7CFR 2902.7(c)  
4. Formulas are readily biodegradable per OECD 301

### PROVON® GREEN CERTIFIED PRODUCTS



- EcoLogo Certified
- Biodegradable formula proven effective, yet mild enough for frequent handwashing
- Fragrance free and dye free
- Produced in part with renewably sourced ingredients
- Sustainable packaging design

Description	Order Number	Case Pack	Uses Dispenser
<b>PROVON Ultra Mild Foam Handwash</b>			
LTX™ - 1200 mL Refill	1943-02	2	1971-04
LTX™ - 700 mL Refill	1343-03	3	1371-04
ADX™ - 1250 mL Refill	8833-03	3	8871-06
ADX™ 700 mL Refill	8723-04	4	8771-06
TFX 1200 mL Refill	5383-02	2	2745-12
Pump Bottle - 535 mL	5783-24	4	5700-06
<b>PROVON Clear &amp; Mild Foam Handwash</b>			
LTX™ - 1200 mL Refill	1941-02	2	1971-04
LTX™ - 700 mL Refill	1341-03	3	1371-04
ADX™ - 1250 mL Refill	8821-03	3	8871-06
ADX™ - 700 mL Refill	8721-04	4	8771-06
<b>PROVON Green Certified Foam Hand Cleaner</b>			
TFX™ - 1200 mL Refill	5382-02	2	2745-12
<b>PROVON Dispensers and Accessories</b>			
LTX™ (Touch Free) - 1200 mL	1971-04	4	
LTX™ (Touch Free) - 700 mL	1371-04	4	
ADX™ (Push Style) - 1250 mL	8870-06	6	
ADX™ (Push Style) - 700 mL	8771-06	6	
TFX (Touch Free) - 1200 mL	2745-12	12	
Pump Bottle - 535 mL	5700-06	6	

In 2010 GOJO set public goals for reducing operating impacts within our own work environments. These goals involve environmental programs designed to reduce waste, greenhouse gases, and water use in our production, manufacturing and office spaces.

See our entire scorecard and learn more about our environmental stewardship efforts in the new **2014 GOJO Sustainability Report**.

## A Look Ahead

next month's issue

**WHO Multimodal strategy:**  
Education and Reminders  
in the Workplace

**The 5 Rights**  
of  
**Hand Hygiene™**