



Grass Roots Recycling Project Needs All CMHers To Grow

Just like the flowers and grass need extra attention in the spring, CMH's Grass Roots Recycling Project needs the assistance and participation of all CMH employees and volunteers if it is going to continue to grow.

CMHers willingness to self-recycle when pickup is not available will continue to be the anchor root for the CMH program to succeed, but there have been other roots that are important to growing it.

Root Number 1, *Self Recyclers*

All those CMHers who have self recycled here for years by taking their own recyclable waste (e.g. plastic, glass, paper) generated at CMH to approved recyclable stations in their communities or home if they have curbside recycling like Wilmington.

Some of these same CMHers are the ones that take lightly used magazines and books to the CMH Health Library to share with patients, families, employees, volunteers and medical staff. That is called freecycling. Health Library staff encourages you to continue that practice. Dated materials will eventually be recycled appropriately.

Root Number 2, *Paper Recycling Bin at Hospital*

A green and yellow Paper Retriever® is located near the Clinton Memorial Hospital Materials Management loading docks where CMHers can take discarded newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office and other papers—but not glass, plastic and other recyclables! (Please remember to continue to use the shredding bins for confidential materials!)

In addition to maintaining a wonderful environmental stewardship program, the Paper Retriever® saves CMH money by reducing the amount of paper waste that it pays to be removed. CMH also earns money for the paper that is collected. The more recyclable paper dropped off, the more CMH saves!

CMHers have to do two tons a month in paper recycling to maintain the free program so every newspaper, magazine, catalog, envelope, piece of junk mail, or non-confidential piece of office paper counts.

Root Number 3, *Project Search students*

CMH Project Search students helped in 2009-10 by making weekly stops in several departments to pick up recycling left in "green" containers they designed. Unfortunately, Project Search students are not at CMH in the spring and summer which means self recycling becomes the key to this grass roots program.

Volunteers or Environmental Services staff may at times step into fill the void left by the Project Search students. Otherwise CMH recyclers will need to get some exercise and take their own paper to the Paper Retriever® during the spring and summer or suspend recycling until the students return.

Root Number 4, *Grant Funding*

The Clinton County Solid Waste Management District announced in March that CMH was the recipient of a 2010 Go-Green Grant in the amount of \$741.94. Funds received through this program were used to offset startup costs associated with the CMH paper recycling initiative, including the purchase of recycling bins and promotional materials.

CMH purchased durable, plastic recycling containers with grant funds that will be used to replace the temporary containers created by the Project Search students. They are available by contacting the Health Library.



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