

*Recycling, reuse, and waste reduction programs beyond conventional recycling services are becoming more available and accessible, depending on market availability and the size and functions of a medical office building. This includes medical waste management programs. While suggesting changes to clinical operations can be challenging, healthcare systems and hospitals have [demonstrated](#) that these programs can produce cost savings and environmental benefits, with little risk to the level of care provided.*

*Example services in standard and medical waste management include:*

**Standard Waste Management**

- Composting
- Grease or cooking oil recycling
- Vendor take-back programs

**Medical Waste Management**

- [Sterilization or "blue" wrap recycling](#)
- [Recycling of other healthcare plastics](#) (e.g. irrigation bottles, Tyvek)
- [OR pack reformulation](#)
- [Surgical inventory exchanges](#)

*To earn points, establish an additional recycling service, and answer the question. If the property already has an additional service beyond standard recycling (such as composting, carpet, or healthcare plastic recycling), you may claim the points.*

1. What additional service did the property have or did you establish?

**Alternative Documentation**

Instead of this form, you may submit at least one of the following to IREM®:

- Invoice from service provider
- Paragraph summarizing program and service provider(s)