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## St. Cloud VA recognized for environmental efforts

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The St. Cloud VA Health Care System recently received one of the Top 25 Environmental Excellence Awards from [Practice Greenhealth](#), a national organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in health care.

This is the second straight year that the St. Cloud VA has earned the Top 25 distinction.

Some of the practices in 2016 that supported the recognition:

- Energy and water saving projects reduced energy costs by \$54,506 and earned the VA \$67,782 in energy supplier rebates.
- A laundry system upgrade project reduced water use by 12,750 gallons per month.
- A paper conservation initiative reduced paper purchases by 8.5 percent, cutting paper purchase costs by 8.3 percent.

The St. Cloud VA also received Circle of Excellence honors for leadership and five other categories. It was recognized for efforts to eliminate mercury as well.

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