

Lifecore Sustainability

Progress made **possible.**

Who We Are

Lifecore is making progress possible for patients around the world. As the global leader in manufacturing and supplying sodium hyaluronate (NaHy), more than 90 million patients have benefited from our certified pharmaceutical grade NaHy. As a full service CDMO, we are using our expertise to work with our Pharmaceutical and Medical Device partners to provide high-quality innovative process development, manufacturing solutions and products guided by our unwavering commitment to improving people's lives.

Environmental

We feel responsible for all the natural resources we use, not only for the health of people but for the health of the planet. We make efficient use of natural resources and minimize the environmental impact of our activities and products over their life cycle.

We take actions to divert waste from landfills in support of zero waste including the following initiatives:

- Disposable cleanroom gowning is recycled.
- Lifecore is a multiple year winner of Greenovation award from Kimberly-Clark [RightCycle](#) program.
- Products shipped to our customers use reusable plastic pallets, eliminating waste pallets.
- Materials shipped to Lifecore may use wooden pallets. All wooden pallets are recycled for reuse or turned into wood pellets for fuel.
- Single sort waste is recycled through programs provided by the service provider.
- Non-recyclable sodium hyaluronate manufacturing waste is transformed into clean, renewable energy that powers communities and businesses reducing waste-to-landfill.
- Items no longer needed by Lifecore (furniture, equipment, etc.) are made available for reuse to employees and others.
- Electronic items (computers, batteries, light bulbs, etc.) that are no longer functional are recycled.

We evaluate the environmental and waste considerations during manufacturing, design, packaging, and throughout all areas during planning and decision making. This evaluation has resulted in the creation of the following processes as we continue to be a steward of the environment:

- Approximately 200,000 gallons per year of processed alcohol is returned to the original supplier for reprocessing into ethanol.
- Wastewater used in the production process is neutralized prior to sending to drain.
- Each waste stream is disposed of in the most efficient and environmentally responsible way (used oil, testing laboratory chemical wastes, washing solvents, etc.).

We take great care to reduce the amount of energy used in all our facilities. Lifecore continually implements energy conservation measures in the facility and equipment.

Lifecore is a multi-year winner of the Greenovation award from Kimberly-Clark [RightCycle](#) program.

Social

Lifecore supports a culture of wellness by developing awareness and understanding, creating initiatives, encouraging participation and promoting healthy lifestyles for our employees and their families. The company has participated in the Minnesota SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) program since 2015 working with state and local agencies to provide enhanced Health and Wellness opportunities for the employees.

Just as we care about the individuals who work for our company, we care about the communities where we live and work. That is why we created the [Lifecore Foundation](#).

- **Lifecore Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that coordinates Lifecore Biomedical employee charitable contributions and volunteer efforts.**
- **We focus on helping the communities in which our employees live in the Twin Cities metro area and throughout the state of Minnesota.**
- **The Lifecore Foundation works through Lifecore Biomedical and with other local nonprofits to raise funds and awareness for a variety of causes. This is done through donations of goods, services, or funds raised through several activities throughout the year.**

Safety

We proactively foster and encourage a strong culture of safe behavior and systematically identify and manage health and safety risks in our activities.

Activities to support our employees' health and welfare include:

- **Compliance with OSHA (U.S. Occupational Safety Health Administration) requirements to help ensure a safe environment.**
- **Lifecore Biomedical is certified to MNSHARP (Minnesota Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program), one of only 39 companies in Minnesota.**
- **Compliance with all environmental legislations and regulations, including the EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) and other international and local environmental agencies and standards which may apply.**

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