

Green Dentistry

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Green dentistry is a relatively new term and an emerging concept in dentistry. Most dental offices are privately-owned small businesses and have no financial advantage to invest in many environmentally-friendly practices. For this reason, more research is needed to find cost-effective environmental alternatives in dentistry.

The Eco-Dentistry Association defines green dentistry as practice that: Reduces waste and pollution; Saves energy, water and money; Incorporates high-tech innovations and is wellness based [1].

It involves the concept of **4R- Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Re-think** [2].

Green dentistry is a high-tech approach that reduces the environmental impact of dental practices and encompasses a service model for dentistry that supports and maintains wellness. Green dentistry meets the needs of millions of wellness lifestyle patients, and helps dental professionals protect planetary and community health, as well as the financial health of their practices.

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