

Is it really GREEN?

The Eco-Dentistry Association takes the guess-work out of choosing green products.

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With all the hype about green this and green that, it's hard to tell whether the latest gadget is authentically green or just something toxic in a "green" box. The new Eco-Dentistry Association "Accepted Seal" makes it easy to choose dental products that are truly green. The Seal, which has been earned by more than 20 dental products since its launch just months ago, is your assurance that products bearing it are the real thing: real energy and water savers, real pollution preventers, real waste reducers and real wellness-based dentistry products. And the certification reports prepared by the EDA are available to everyone at ecodentistry.org, so you can see exactly which criteria a product and its manufacturer meets. Maybe it's time to celebrate Earth Day by switching out that water-guzzling vacuum system or those plastic disposable barriers? Start by perusing these planet-friendly offerings:



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DentalEZ

A everLight™ LED Operatory Light

Tired of replacing expensive halogen bulbs in your operatory lights? Look no further than the DentalEZ everLight™, the first operatory light using long-lasting, LED technology to give you the best in eco-friendly patient lighting with energy savings of 70% over traditional models. And the bonus: outstanding color matching and better control for curing composites because LED lights produce less heat.

866-DTE-INFO
dentalez.com

DentalEZ

C Hg5 Amalgam Separator

Every dental office should have a separator to keep mercury-containing material out of our water supplies, even if you only remove old amalgam fillings. The Hg5 has achieved the highest ISO standards and captures 99.82% of toxic waste. Its high-tech cartridge tells you when it needs changing, and you can be assured that your waste is properly recycled, not dumped elsewhere.

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R.E. Morrison

B Base Vac

Did you know the average dental vacuum system wastes 360 gallons of fresh, clean water every day? The Base Vac Waterless Vacuum uses none, and its operation is also oil-free. Its manufacturer, R.E. Morrison, has implemented energy efficiencies in its plant, uses no polluting Styrofoam in its packaging, and donates these efficient systems to non-profit dental clinics providing services to the needy.

800-668-8736
basevacdental.com

Discus Dental

D Transcendentist® Cloth Sterilization and Barrier Line

Reduce the millions of disposable sterilization pouches and barriers thrown into landfill by dental offices every year and save money with the Transcendentist reusable cloth infection control line. Fabric is patented and FDA approved and uses high-tech microfibers allowing steam to penetrate and then to create a contaminant barrier. Patients love the feel of the cloth bibs, which require no bib chain.

800-422-9448
discusdental.com

OralDNA Labs

**E MyPerioPath®
MyPerioID® PST® tests**

Identify bacterial targets and genetic susceptibility for periodontal disease, and screen patients for oral HPV with OralDNA Labs' salivary diagnostic tests. The first tests to be commercially available to dentistry, testing takes only moments, yet yields comprehensive lab reports regarding pathogens of interest, and enables appropriate treatment and/or referral protocols. The company uses paper-free, digital test ordering, result reporting and billing.

877-577-9055 • oraldna.com

SciCan Inc.

F Optim 33TB

Providing both efficacy and environmental safety, **Optim 33TB** is the only EPA-approved dental office cleaner and disinfectant deemed truly safe by the EPA, and its kill times for TB and other pathogens rival the toxic stuff. Its manufacturer is a certified green business, its containers are refillable, and its ingredients degrade into oxygen and water.

800-572-1211
www.scicanusa.com

Eleva Naturals

G Professional Oral Care

What makes Eleva's new suite of oral care products ground-breaking is what they don't contain: no alcohol, no sodium lauryl sulfate, and no titanium dioxide, a chemical that makes paint white. Instead, you'll find soothing aloe vera juice, wheat grass extracts and natural cavity-fighting xylitol packaged in recyclable containers that can be refilled. That should make you and your patients smile!

800-306-3041
elevanaturals.com

Hu-Friedy

H Team Vista

Stop worrying about nasty bio-film build up in your water lines with Hu-Friedy's Earth-friendly **Team Vista®** cleaners. The combo pack includes both tablets and drops that are easy to use, biodegradable, non-toxic and phosphate-free. And you'll be patronizing a company that makes its products here in the U.S. and supports environmental causes through its free instrument recycling program, Environdent.

800-HU-FRIEDY
hu-friedy.com

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I Statim 2000/5000 Steam Sterilizer

Get rid of the "dental office smell" caused by chemical sterilizers with **Statim** steam sterilizers. Using fresh, clean, distilled water, they eliminate cumbersome monthly cleaning cycles. They help the environment and your bank account by avoiding expensive chemical sterilants that go from your office into local waterstreams. U.S. made; shipped in recycled-content boxes.

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Hu-Friedy

J Enzymax Earth Ultrasonic detergent and Presoak

Use this high-tech enzymatic cleaner for everything from instrument pre-soaking and cleaning to removing stains from dental office linens. The formula is biodegradable, contains no harmful phosphates and effectively removes deposits and bio-film build-up. Simply dissolve **Enzymax Earth** in warm water, place your instruments inside for 3-5 minutes and they're ready for the steam sterilizer.

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