

# Environmentally Responsible Products for the Dental Office

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Manufacturer/Web address	Product Name/Unique Features
<b>Tools and Equipment</b>	
A-DEC <a href="http://www.a-dec.com/">http://www.a-dec.com/</a>	Stainless Steel Aspirator Tips: stainless steel suction tips that may be sterilized and reused over many years. Single-use plastic suction tips not only cost more, but they contribute to landfills and global warming from plastic fabrication.
Quality Aspirators <a href="http://www.qualityaspirators.com">www.qualityaspirators.com</a>	Stainless steel suction tips are reusable, keeping the plastic, disposable variety out of landfills.
A-DEC <a href="http://www.a-dec.com/">http://www.a-dec.com/</a>	LISA Class B Steam-Based Sterilizer: Steam sterilizers promote healthful indoor air quality by eliminating the need for toxic chemicals used in chemical-based sterilizers.
Barnstead/Harvey <a href="http://www.barnsteadthermolyne.com">www.barnsteadthermolyne.com</a>	Harvey PV Dry Steam Sterilizer with deionized water filtration
Premier <a href="http://www.premusa.com">http://www.premusa.com</a>	Vac Attack: suction line cleaner; non-corrosive, biodegradable, nonfoaming, organically chlorinated
Premier <a href="http://www.premusa.com">http://www.premusa.com</a>	BriteShield: ultrasonic instrument treatment; biodegradable, non-hazardous
<b>Patient Products</b>	
Pro-Safe <a href="http://www.transcendentist.com">www.transcendentist.com</a>	Cloth patient bibs and head rest covers: Eliminate the need for single-use plastic or paper chair and patient barriers that go directly into the landfill; cloth patient bibs are more comfortable for patients, last for years and are reusable.
Pro-Safe <a href="http://www.transcendentist.com">www.transcendentist.com</a>	Cloth sterilization towels, aka "Vanessa's Burritos" (see cover article, page 13); Eliminate the need to cut down trees for paper sterilization bags that are used only once and end up in landfills.
<b>Water Filtration</b>	
EcoQuest International <a href="http://www.ecoquestintl.com">www.ecoquestintl.com</a>	Air and water purification products
Rowpar <a href="http://www.rowpar.com">www.rowpar.com</a>	MicroCLEAR™: waterline treatment; nontoxic, pH-balanced, non-stain, odor-free, non-corrosive
<b>Technology</b>	
Eaglesoft Practice Management Software <a href="http://www.eaglesoft.net">www.eaglesoft.net</a>	Digital Practice Management Software substantially reduces paper consumption by getting rid of paper patient files; allows for digital storage of patient images and information as well as electronic patient and insurer billing.
Schick <a href="http://www.schicktech.com">www.schicktech.com</a> available through Patterson Dental	Schick Digital Imaging: Digital imaging exposes patients to substantially less radiation, eliminates the need for toxic X-ray development chemicals and foils, and wasteful paper X-ray holders. The images are also instantly available, which reduces chair time.

**Manufacturer/Web address****Product Name/Unique Features****Infection Control**

Dr. Bronners  
www.drbronner.com

100% biodegradable hand soap: soaps are made with organic coconut, olive, hemp and jojoba oils and scented with essential oils. They contain no synthetic surfactants or petrochemicals and come in 100 percent post-consumer recycled plastic bottles.

SciCan  
(800) 572-1211

OPTIM 33TB Surface Disinfectant: Effectively disinfects against a broad spectrum of organisms without noxious fumes or skin irritations; eliminates the need for wasteful plastic patient barriers and is biodegradable, which means it is gentle on the planet.

Seventh Generation  
http://www.seventhgen.com/

Paper products and trash bags manufactured by Seventh Generation paper products are made from 100% recycled paper, with a minimum of 80% post-consumer materials.

Spartan Chemical  
www.green-solution.com/greensolutions

Green Solutions Natural Disinfectant, TB Cide Quat, PD64 all-purpose cleaner  
Green Solutions Products have been formulated by Spartan's in-house laboratory team consisting of both chemists and microbiologists. Regulatory issues have been addressed and meet or exceed the most current environmental concerns and those on the foreseeable horizon, offering peace of mind when selecting Green Solutions. Raw materials are tested before use to ensure they meet Spartan's rigorous specifications. Each batch of new product must pass quality control standards and be released by the company's quality control chemists before it is pumped into its respective holding vessel. Samples of every batch of product are kept for at least one year. Through a code dating system, Spartan can match the retained samples against product at an end-user's facility. All drums and pails are safety sealed for protection before leaving Spartan's manufacturing plant.

**Oral Hygiene Products**

Recycline  
www.recycline.com  
available through Transcendentist  
at www.transcendentist.com

Manual toothbrush with handle made from recycled yogurt cups. Through a recycling initiative between Stonybrook Farms yogurt and Recycline, these toothbrushes reuse plastic cups that would otherwise end up in landfills, thus eliminating the need to create more plastic from oil.

**Dental Materials**

Rebec Solutions  
www.rebecsolutions.com

Stainless Steel Amalgam Separator: Prevents mercury-containing dental waste from entering water supply by collecting waste and disposing of same in an environmentally sound way.

**Office Decorating**

Sherwin Williams, Harmony Brand  
www.sherwin-williams.com

Wall paint containing no Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs); eliminates off-gassing from strong-smelling VOCs that cause indoor air pollution, contribute to global warming and are linked to respiratory illnesses and several cancers. (look for the "Greensure" symbol)

Wasau Paper  
www.baywestpaper.com/products

Eco Soft paper products. EcoSoft™ Green Seal® towel and tissue products are made from 100% recycled wastepaper and are certified by Green Seal, Inc. The "Green Seal" means these products meet the Green Seal environmental standards for paper towels and tissue, making the EcoSoft™ Green Seal® products among the most environmentally preferable towel and tissue lines available in the away-from-home market. ■