Shared Hospital Service Corp. Linen Conservation Sub Plan

The Shared Hospital Service Corp. Linen Conservation plan is designed to outline guidelines on how linen can be conserved in the event of an emergency when normal linen distribution processes may be interrupted. Reasonable judgment should be made in the application of these guidelines in order to ensure safe patient care under emergency circumstances.

Bed Linen
Routine bed linen changes should be suspended during a period of linen conservation. Only change linen that has been soiled. For patient comfort, straighten but do not change the remaining bed items. Usable linen should not be placed in the soiled linen collection area until the patient is discharged. Do not take clean linen into patient rooms unless required for immediate use.

Discharge
Upon discharge, patient beds should be cleaned per normal routine and made with fitted sheet only. If possible, the stretcher sheet will be used as the top sheet when a patient is admitted. The stretcher pillow, pillow case, and blanket will remain with the patient and used on the patient beds.

Apparel
Use the same patient gown, robe, pajamas and infant apparel until discharge unless it becomes soiled.

Disposable linen substitutes
Disposable linen will be available only on a limited basis. Disposable linen should be used only when necessary.

Soiled linen
There must be an ongoing supply of soiled linen in order to continue processing and returning to the hospitals. Soiled linen must continue to be accumulated and collected in the normal manner in order to be processed.

Disclaimer: This sub plan could be amended based on the reason for the emergency.