

'Your Guide to Clean' is a publication from Multi-Clean in partnership with authorized distributors. This newsletter is dedicated to help those in the cleaning industry become more informed and educated to help manage the cleaning process.

Greening our Schools is a ClassACT

It is no longer "IF" but "WHEN" is green cleaning coming to our schools and other higher education institutions. Two states, Illinois and New York, have mandated green cleaning in public schools, but more likely the motivation to go green will come from concern expressed by parents, students, politicians, administration or other community activists. Besides, schools are actively teaching and promoting environmental education, so green cleaning makes good sense.



More than 55 million children and young adults spend a significant time of their lives inside our nations 120,000 public and private schools. The cleaning industry has an opportunity to do its part in making sure schools are a healthy and productive environment to learn and play.



Going Green Makes Sense...

Common reasons for not making the green cleaning transition include "**it costs too much**" and "**green products don't work**". Let's examine each of these briefly.

A true green cleaning program should be cost neutral. Many of the requirements of green cleaning are common sense, preventive procedures that would be beneficial for any well maintained facility. By addressing entryways, less dirt is brought into the building, which

means less cleaning and maintenance, better looking floors and an overall cleaner and healthier facility. How does this cost more?

Green cleaning products have come along way since they were first introduced in the early 90's. Today, green cleaning products in most cases work as well or even better than their non-green counterparts. Best of all, they are competitively priced with non-green alternatives.

The EZ-NTC Touchless Cleaning System is for every day cleaning of restrooms. It replaces traditional methods that use spray bottles and buckets so restrooms can be cleaned faster and more effectively.

You can find this and other fine Multi-Clean products at your local Multi-Clean authorized distributor.



Featured Product

EZ-NTC - A Higher Standard of Clean

The Real Reason for Not Going Green...

The prospect of going green can be overwhelming to busy facility and maintenance managers. Worst yet, straightforward information on how to go green has been lacking in the cleaning industry. Much of the information makes it look highly complicated. Multi-Clean wants to change that by simplifying the process of going green. That's why we're introducing 'Your Easy Guide to Green' as part of a new educational website dedicated to green the cleaning industry.



Announcing a new site that helps you go green!

Our goal is to make the process of going green easier. yourguidetoclean.com contains information and resources to help you go green. Specific resource information for greening healthcare and schools is available. In another section, yourguidetoclean.com shows you six simple steps you need to follow to go green. It also provides useful tools that you can download to make the process easier. Please visit the site and let us know what you think.

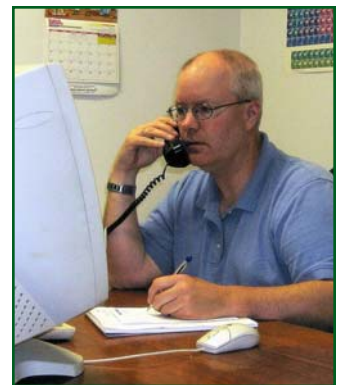
Measuring the benefits of going green...

To get an idea about the impact of going green, you can use the handy Pollution Prevention Calculator. By entering some basic information about your buildings such as square feet, hard floor and carpeted areas, the calculator will give you an idea of the potential financial benefits of going green. To access the calculator click [HERE](#).

Ask the Chemist

Q: Are there certain certifications that are required to become green?

A: The answer is no, there is no certification that is REQUIRED to become green. Currently, there is no officially governing body that oversees the registration of all green products. However, there are well recognized certification agencies (Green Seal and DfE) that will certify products as 'green'. The US Green Building Council has also developed a program call LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) that certifies 'green' buildings. The LEED-EB program requires green cleaning as a pre-requisite for building certification.



Please check out these websites for more information:

[Green Seal](#)

[US Green Building Council](#)

[EPA](#)



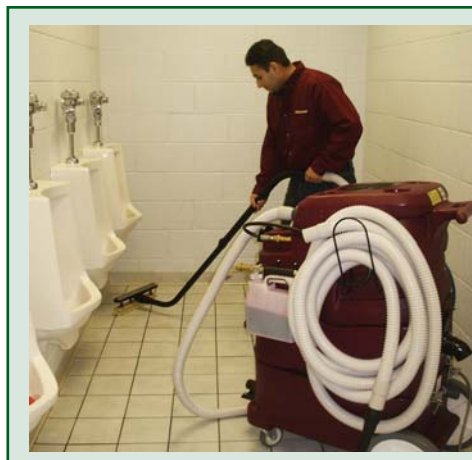
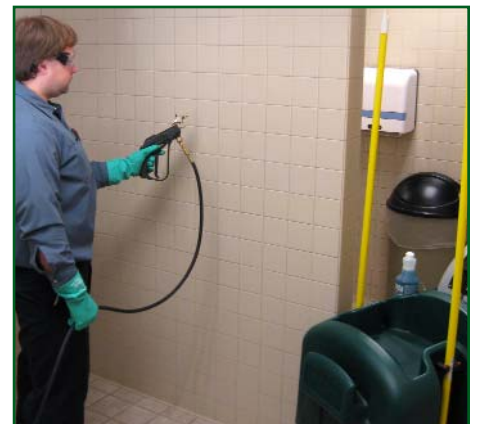
Restroom Care: Producing a Higher Standard of Clean!

The condition of restrooms and how they are cleaned is an important part of a green cleaning program. Many of the chemicals used to clean restrooms are toxic or hazardous in some way. Traditional restroom cleaning often involves a mop, bucket and several spray bottles of cleaning chemicals. This process of cleaning can leave restrooms in a less than desirable state of clean. Areas behind toilets, under urinals and hard to reach places are breeding grounds for odors and bacteria. Wet mopping floors, especially the grouted tile floors frequently found in restrooms, can often be an exercise of moving dirt and contaminants from one side of the restroom to the other.

A more productive method of cleaning, referred to as 'touchless cleaning', is becoming quite popular for quickly and efficiently cleaning restrooms. This system employs a machine that properly dilutes and applies the cleaning product to the surface via spray. If used regularly, little or no scrubbing is needed. The spray allows cleaning of areas that are normally missed with traditional cleaning methods.



The system allows for switching between one or more cleaning chemicals and a clean water rinse. Some systems use a squeegee to push the cleaning solution to the drain, leaving floors cleaner than where traditional cleaning is used. Touchless cleaning is great for daily cleaning and produces a higher standard of cleanliness in restrooms.



In other systems, high pressure is used along with vacuum recovery of soiled solution. This type of system is used more often for deep cleaning restrooms.