

The Green Files

Green Certification of Cleaning Services

Description: Green Seal, a non-profit third party certification organization has developed a cleaning services standard, called "GS-42 Green Seal Environmental Standard for Cleaning Services". Now, Building Service Contractors or in house service providers can have their service "Green Seal Certified".

Read the Green Seal Press Release to find out more:

<http://www.greenseal.org/newsroom/pr100406cleaningservices.cfm>

How Much Does It Cost? Green Seal charges a certification fee that usually is tiered based on the size of the business. To learn exact cost, contact Green Seal or fill out a preliminary application on their web page.

What is involved in the process? The certification of services by Green Seal requires compliance with the provisions of the standard GS-42. Contracting with Green Seal means the entire service provided by the BSC will be scrutinized. Much of the certification process involves extensive documentation. The GS-42 standard requires adoption of specific green cleaning practices and training. The *Multi-Clean Green Cleaning Method Bulletin* can serve as your guide, as this was developed based on the information in GS-42. Multi-Clean also has a more extensive electronic guide with documentation templates, survey forms, inventory tracking forms, and many other resources. Contact Multi-Clean for more info.

What benefits does it offer a BSC? A Building Service Contractor that offers Green Cleaning Services that are Green Seal Certified gains a marketing edge. As awareness of green cleaning continues to grow, this will certainly become more valuable. Green Buildings that are LEED certified may also be more likely to contract with a certified green cleaning service.

Do Cleaning Products have to be Green Seal Certified? NO, cleaning products must be "third party certified". This includes products certified by the EPA Dfe program, the Canadian ECOLOGO program, as well as Green Seal Certified products.



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