

'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



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that indoor air can be 2-5 times more polluted than outdoor air. Common contaminants include dirt, dust, chemical vapors, pesticides, bacteria and mold. These and other contaminants can be addressed with an effective green cleaning program that combines appropriate cleaning products with a cleaning process that emphasizes the health of building occupants.

The Healthy Schools Campaign is an advocacy organization dedicated to make our schools cleaner and healthier. They recently updated their QUICK AND EASY GUIDE TO GREEN CLEANING. This CD Rom is full of useful information to help assist in going green in our schools.

To learn more about the Healthy Schools Campaign or to order a free copy of the QUICK AND EASY GUIDE TO GREEN CLEANING send an email to infomc@minutemanintl.com. In the subject line write "green guide", in the body, include name and address info.

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Wood Gym Floors: Keeping Floors Shiny and Safe

Gym floors can be easy to maintain with some basic procedures. The challenge in today's world is that gym floors in K-12 schools, universities and health clubs are heavily used with little opportunity for downtime. Gone are the days where only shoes designated for the gym would touch the gym floor. Now, any street shoe will do and going directly from the street to the gym floor is the norm. So how do you keep a gym floor looking good?

1. Keep the contaminants off the floor: Dry dust mop with an appropriate mop material that will capture sand and grit. Microfiber or other materials do a superior job at capturing gritty dirt compared to traditional cotton dust mops.
2. Maintain a high traction surface: Use a cleaner specifically made for finished gym floors that is designed to maintain a higher traction surface. Simple neutral cleaners aren't strong enough to remove oily soils that can make gym floors slippery.
3. Apply a high quality finish on a regular basis. Low odor waterbased finishes make the process of finishing floors safer, easier, and faster.

Featured Product

Pro Floor Extreme



Contact your Multi-Clean Authorized Distributor for more information

www.multi-clean.com/wood.html
to view literature

Saving Green by Going Green

A tip on how “going green” can save you money. In this and future issues, we will look at how adopting one green cleaning practice in your cleaning operation can save time and money.

Efficient Use of Chemicals: Let’s face it, human nature is to think that “more is better”. When it comes to cleaning products, it simply is not true. Everyday, chemicals are needlessly wasted and money poured down the drain by the overuse of cleaning chemicals. If a custodian is supplied with a concentrated cleaning product, but no means to measure the concentrate, what would you expect? The old glug-glug method is most probably how the product will be diluted. We estimate that up to 50% of cleaning products are wasted due to improper dilution.



Dilution options.....



A wall mount unit that is lockable prevents tampering and dispenses product by pressing a button.



Portable dispensing units allow proper dilution anywhere a cold water source is available.



A built in measuring cup allows one to gently squeeze and pour the correct amount.



Use Only What You Need: A green cleaning program requires that a means to accurately measure concentrated chemicals is supplied to the user. Training to insure that the chemical is properly measured and used is also required. The simplest way to meet the requirement is with a dilution control system. A dilution control system is usually a piece of equipment that mixes the correct amount of water with chemical automatically. These can be wall mounted units in custodial closets, or portable “guns” attached to the concentrate and then connected to a cold water source for on demand dilution of products.



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Knowledge at your fingertips: White Papers

What is a White Paper?

A white paper is an authoritative report or guide that often addresses problems and how to solve them. White papers are used to educate readers and help people make decisions.

Multi-Clean has the following White Paper titles available and can be accessed by clicking on the link:

LEED the Way to Green
[Click Here](#)

Greening Our Schools is a ClassACT
[Click Here](#)



To listen to an audio GreenCast that discusses greening our schools, click on the icon.

News Flash: Swine Flu Update

The recent Swine Flu scare has everyone concerned. Below is some information what cleaning professionals can do to protect the public. There are also links to resources that provide up to date information on the current influenza (H1N1) outbreak.

The IFMA Foundation has published a **Pandemic Preparedness Manual** that is an excellent resource of information. Multi-Clean strongly recommends anyone that is involved with facility maintenance review **Chapter 6 'Facility Maintenance Measures for Influenza Control and Mitigation'**. This section details, in a checklist format, the facility cleaning and disinfecting measures that should be undertaken through various parts of a facility. This is exceptional resource material that you can bring to your customers to help them properly prepare. Follow this link to view: <http://ifmafoundation.org/pandemic.pdf>

The Centers for Disease Control remains the authoritative source for up to date information on the swine flu virus:

For additional Information, please follow these links:

www.multi-clean.com (swine flu resource page)

Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

World Health Organization: <http://who.int/en/>

Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/>

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My name is
M.C. Greene



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