

## University of Idaho Green Cleaning Policy within Facilities

University of Idaho Building Services' Mission is to provide a dynamic learning environment and meet the needs of its diverse community. Team Cleaning Specialist should strive at all times to be sure that this environment is kept clean, comfortable, healthy and inviting to the community. All areas should be maintained in a way that provides a sense of pride to those who work and who are educated within the buildings, through the efforts of the U of I custodial staff.

In keeping with this mission, and with the university's commitment to sustainability, a "Green Cleaning" policy has been adopted. This policy includes the types of cleaning products used, types of equipment used and the methods and practices adopted, as well as thorough training of custodial staff, and a commitment by the Building Services department to practice and promote environmentally friendly cleaning procedures.

Building Services will show its commitment to this policy and to the environment by adopting the following goals:

- Using Sustainable Earth or other cleaning products that meet Green Seal standards, or products with low levels of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) whenever possible.
- Purchasing and using only CRI certified power equipment in this facility, and maintaining that equipment to that standard.
- Using concentrated cleaning products whenever possible.
- Using a cleaning products system whereby the chemicals are propositionally and accurately diluted with cold water.
- Eliminating phosphates and aerosol products.
- Using ECO Green paper products that meet EPA standards for high post-consumer recycling content.
- Compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, legislation and industry standards.
- Conserving energy, water and resources while providing a clean, sanitary, and healthy environment.
- Instilling a sense of pride and environmental responsibility in the custodial staff, making them aware of how the products, equipment and methods they use to clean impact the earth.
- Training custodial staff as to the proper use of the cleaning products, supplies and equipment by the vendors supplying these items, and by the custodial staff trained by these vendors.
- Voicing the expectation that these methods must be followed, and that it is the responsibility of the custodial staff to do so.
- Using every opportunity to learn and to educate others, in the "green cleaning" methods and standards, and to promote the benefits of "green cleaning" whenever possible.
- Physically do monthly building cleaning audits on all academic buildings to ensure the level of cleanliness is kept up to a high standard.