

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Green Mission Statement

Columbia University Facilities Management embraces effective cleaning products and procedures that promote healthier buildings and simultaneously reduced environmental impacts. Our cleaning programs are committed to protecting the health of our employees, professor's and student population without damaging the environment. In conjunction with the Environmental Stewardship Office, we seek to maintain the joint stewardship with the occupants of the buildings we maintain; and encourage partnering in sustainability initiatives.

Columbia University Facilities Management has implemented Green Cleaning Procedures that meet or exceed LEED-EB and the E.P.A's Comprehensive Purchasing Standards for reducing exposure of our employees, professors and student population to chemicals and equipment that have a negative impact on health, building systems, finishes, air quality and the environment.

Columbia University Facilities Management, wherever possible, seeks to use environmentally preferable Green Seal Certified (GS-37) cleaning chemicals and environmentally preferable disinfectants and sanitizers that are EPA-registered through dilution control systems which properly measure and reduce the number quantity of chemicals required for effective cleaning. These dilution control systems lessen environmental impacts by reducing packaging materials, disposal and transportation costs, while meeting all LEED-EB and EPA's requirements.

Columbia University Facilities Management, wherever possible, utilizes environmentally preferable hand soaps (foam) that do not contain sanitizing or antimicrobial agents that meet or exceed LEED-EB and the CDC's standards.

Columbia University Facilities Management, wherever possible, utilizes environmentally preferable paper and plastic products that meet or exceed EPA's Comprehensive Purchasing Guidelines regarding post-consumer waste and recycled content in all its Paper and Plastic products.

Columbia University Facilities Management, wherever possible, utilizes vacuum cleaning, extracting and sweeping equipment that carry the Carpet and Rug Institute ("CRI") "Green Label" and or meet the LEED criteria for reduced sound and energy consumption while maintaining high performance standards.

Columbia University Facilities Management and its custodial employees receive training in the areas of green cleaning procedures, cleaning chemical dilution and safety. Our employees possess a genuine appreciation for the positive effects these standards have on human health and the environment.

Columbia University Facilities Management is aware the standards and technology are consistently evolving and new products and systems are being regularly developed. We are committed to keeping up with industry changes and are always searching for product and environmental innovations that will keep us on the cutting edge of custodial technology.

In addition, Columbia University participates in a recycling program that meets LEED-EB, NYC Local Law 87 requirements. Where as High Grade paper, Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books, Corrugated Cardboard, Metal, Glass, Batteries, Toner Cartridges, Plastic and Aluminum are handled in accordance with these regulations. Tenant participation is essential to the success of this program.