



Camosun's Green Cleaning Standard

"CLEANING FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS"

Camosun's Custodial team care as much for our building occupants as we do for the service we provide to the facility on a daily basis. The products we use and the care we take in providing our service supports an environment conducive to teaching, learning and working. Our training and expertise combined with our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability leads the college community toward reducing our ecological footprint.

Purpose:

Established to direct purchases and cleaning processes that promote cleaning primarily for health of public, staff and students, and minimizing exposure to potentially hazardous chemical contaminants that may have adverse impacts on environment, air quality and occupants health and well-being.

Goals and Strategies:

Products are purchased in concentrated forms, recyclable packaging and using dispensing systems to ensure dilution ratios are accurate.

Equipment is purchased with preference to energy efficiency and effectiveness. Regular service and service records ensure equipment is operating at optimal efficiency levels.

Products are "Green Seal" or "Environmental Choice" certified. Handsoaps and cleaning products where possible should be non-aerosol, not contain bleach, triclosan, antibacterial agents and be fragrance free.

Training to ensure staff are familiar with processes and possess the required knowledge to effectively perform their work while contributing to the College's environmental and sustainability goals.

Custodial Equipment:

Vacuums – criteria requires equipment to remove and capture 0.3 micron particulates and with a noise level not to exceed 70db.

Automatic Floor Scrubbers – on board chemical dispensing control minimizes chemical use. Gel batteries environmentally preferred.

Microfiber Mops and Cloths – Minimizes chemical use, possesses superior ability to capture contaminants and eliminates the need to use disposable products.

Autoscrubbers, vacuums, extractors and equipment that impacts our physical environment and air quality are routinely serviced to ensure correct and efficient operation.

Paper Products/Chemicals:

Paper products are chosen that exceed minimal EPA requirements for both recycled fiber and post consumer content from suppliers who manufacture under the highest possible environmental standards. Ecologo, Environmental Choice and Green Seal certified products are preferred. Concentrated products with environmental packaging reduces shipping cost and Biological cleaners are preferred over solvent or petroleum based products. Disinfectants are only used when necessary.

Trash Bags:

Compostable and Bio-Degradable bags are used for waste and some compostable materials. For most compost locations and for all our recyclable/stewardship products, paper, cardboard, plastics and tin. We prefer to go bag-less whenever possible.

Training:

Regular training ensures Custodial staff are kept up to date with technology and processes that support local CRD regulations and protect our facility occupants from potentially health-negative contaminants. Custodial staff are key to effective waste removal and expanding recycling programs at Camosun.