

Sustainable Cleaning Practices

Supports healthier indoor environments and sustainable campus operations through the use of environmentally responsible cleaning products and practices.

Green Cleaning in Our Buildings

Sustainable building practices extend beyond construction and renovation. Proper building maintenance and environmentally responsible cleaning practices are important components of maintaining healthy, efficient, and sustainable campus spaces. University Facilities establishes green cleaning standards and policies across campus, including within LEED-certified buildings.

These efforts support:

- healthier indoor air quality
- reduced environmental impact
- safer campus environments
- sustainable building operations

Campus Green Cleaning Practices

Approximately:

Green Cleaning Initiative	Campus Impact
<i>Green Cleaning Products Used</i>	~80% of all campus cleaning products
<i>Building Coverage</i>	Used in all campus buildings
<i>LEED Building Support</i>	Official green cleaning policies established

Green Cleaning Products Used on Campus

University Facilities utilizes certified green cleaning products including:

- Glass cleaners
- All-purpose cleaners
- Neutral disinfectant floor cleaners
- Floor strippers
- Floor waxes
- Carpet shampoo products

The University also purchases paper products made from recycled materials to support sustainable operations and waste reduction efforts.

Why Green Cleaning Matters

Many traditional cleaning products contain:

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).

VOCs can negatively impact:

- indoor air quality
- respiratory health
- environmental conditions within buildings

Certified green cleaning products contain low amounts of — or no — VOCs.

This helps create:

- healthier indoor environments
- improved occupant comfort
- safer working and learning spaces

Benefits of Green Cleaning

Sustainability Benefit	Impact
<i>Improved Indoor Air Quality</i>	Reduced VOC exposure
<i>Healthier Buildings</i>	Safer environments for occupants
<i>Sustainable Operations</i>	Reduced environmental impact
<i>LEED Support</i>	Supports sustainable building maintenance
<i>Waste Reduction</i>	Increased use of recycled materials

Sustainable Building Maintenance and Campus Efforts

University Facilities continues to integrate sustainable operational practices, including green cleaning initiatives, to support healthy, high-performing, and environmentally responsible campus facilities.

These practices support:

- long-term building performance and campus resiliency
- healthier campus spaces and indoor environments
- environmentally responsible operations and stewardship
- operational sustainability
- LEED building standards