

BUILDING SERVICES SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

1. Building Service purchases vacuum cleaners that are “Green Label” approved by the Carpet and Rug Institute.
2. Recyclable content in our bathroom paper products (Green Seal approved or equivalent – minimum of 20% post consumer waste). Our current bathroom paper products are made from 100% recycled paper.
3. DEB SBS Aero Rose foaming hand and body soaps is environmentally friendly, and follow strict “Green” guidelines laid out by the Green Product Criteria. Ingredients such as EDTA or NTA have been left out of these products to ensure that they follow the established industry standards. These ingredients have been deemed non-biodegradable and are usually found in most common everyday soap products. In keeping with these strict codes, Aero Rose does not contain phosphates, solvents, (VOC ingredients that affect the ozone) or nonylphenol ethoxyalte based surfactant. And with a near neutral pH, both the DEB SBS Aero products are great alternatives to “non-green” soaps.
4. Green Chemicals (ex. Glance glass cleaner, Stride all purpose cleaner, etc.). Johnson Wax provides Building Services with most of our cleaning Chemicals. Refer to their web site www.scjohnson.com for information about their environmentally preferable products and environmental protection initiatives such as their ResponsibleSolutions and Healthy High Performance Cleaning programs. Pamphlets are available (from Mr. Bacon) with a list of Johnson Wax’ Green Seal certified or environmentally preferred products.
5. Rollpak” plastic trash can liners are now part of our general supply. These bags are manufactured using Super Hexene resins that are thinner and stronger than conventional plastic trash bags and d reduces the amount of plastic sent to the landfills by several tons.
6. Environmentally preferred purchasing. When possible Building Service will always chose a product that is safe for the environment and ergonomically beneficial to our staff.

SAFETY AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY

1. Matting-reduces soil, pollutants, and moisture that enter a building. A properly designed entry mat system should normally be addressed during the design phase of a building and should include a “scrapper mat” (minimum 6’ long), an absorption mat (minimum 6’ long) and a finishing mat (minimum 8’ long). The finishing mat can be purchased after the design phase and is easily cleaned and replaced.
2. Ergonomics – purchase tools that improve ergonomics such as micro fiber (low moisture) mops, back pack vacs, double bucket mopping systems, ergonomically designed handles and extension poles, etc.
3. HEPA or high filtration vacuums.
4. Passive vacuum systems on buffers and scrubbers (reduce dust emissions, etc.)

Energy Conservation & Sustainability Training for custodians

The Building Services department now covers recycling and other sustainability tips in our training. This is a synopsis of what we cover.

- ◆ Lead by example.
 - ◆ Be alert for energy waste at all times (lights, computers, heating & cooling systems left on when not needed).
 - ◆ Light **ONLY** the room being cleaned. Turn lights out when leaving the room.
 - ◆ Work with fewer lights on when possible (in areas with ample daylight such as corridors, entryways, common areas).
 - ◆ Turn off lights when possible throughout the day (i.e. in classrooms and offices when no one is in the room).
 - ◆ Close blinds at night to keep the heat inside of the building. Open blinds during the day to let sun shine through and warm the inside of the room/building. Do the reverse in the winter.
 - ◆ Notice and thank UF staff and students that do their part to make UF more energy efficient.
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- ◆ Recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, cans, etc. where possible
 - ◆ Report all leaking faucets and pipes as well as running toilets.
 - ◆ Report heating and air conditioning problems to maintenance.
 - ◆ Car Pool- Transportation and Parking Services announced the new Faculty and Staff Carpool Program effective January 1, 2007, making it easier than

