Green Cleaning Policy

Purpose:

In support of the University of Victoria Sustainability Action Plan, the Green Cleaning Policy formalizes Facilities Management, Custodial Services’ commitment to Green Cleaning.

To reduce the exposure of building occupants and maintenance personnel to potentially hazardous chemical biological, and particulate contaminates, which adversely affect air quality, human health, building finishes, building systems and the environment.

Term: January 2020 – January 2025

Responsibility: Facilities Management, Manager of Custodial Services

Area:

All areas serviced by UVic Facilities Management, Custodial Services on the Gordon Head Campus with the exclusion of Food Service and Residence Service areas.

Elements:

Facilities Management, Custodial Services will employ a green cleaning program in all buildings and apply sustainability criteria in the procurement of cleaning equipment, tools, supplies and paper products.


This includes:

- The purchase of sustainable cleaning equipment and products.
- Standard Operating Procedures for cleaning techniques, routines and frequencies.
- Consideration for building occupants with sensitivities.
- Promotion and improvement of hand hygiene.
- Protocols for the, storage, safe handling and spill response for cleaning chemicals
- Staff training on the disposal and recycling of cleaning chemicals, and packaging.
- Process for program evaluation and improvement.
- Reduced or no use of potentially harmful and irritating chemicals.
- The removal or elimination of dirt, dust, and other contaminants.
- The protection and preservation of surfaces during cleaning.
- Proactive strategies to reduce contaminant infiltration at the source.
- Identify likely occupants who are disproportionately affected by cleaning practices and propose methods to minimize impacts on those groups. These methods may include adjustments to cleaning procedures, frequencies, timing, product choices, or similar adaptations.