



Green cleaning policy

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Intent

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

Requirements

Have in place a green cleaning policy for the building and site addressing the following green cleaning credits and other requirements:

- Purchase of sustainable cleaning and hard floor and carpet care products meeting the sustainability criteria outlined in EQ Credits 3.4-3.6.
- Purchase of cleaning equipment meeting the sustainability criteria outlined in EQ Credit 3.7.
- Establishment of standard operating procedures (SOPs) addressing how an effective cleaning and hard floor and carpet maintenance system will be consistently utilized, managed and audited. Specifically address cleaning to protect vulnerable building occupants.
- Development of strategies for promoting and improving hand hygiene, including both hand washing and the use of alcohol-based waterless hand sanitizers.
- Development of guidelines addressing the safe handling and storage of cleaning chemicals used in the building, including a plan for managing hazardous spills or mishandling incidents.
- Development of requirements for staffing and training of maintenance personnel appropriate to the needs of the building. Specifically address the training of maintenance personnel in the hazards of use, disposal and recycling of cleaning chemicals, dispensing equipment and packaging.
- Provision for collecting occupant feedback and continuous improvement to evaluate new technologies, procedures and processes.

This policy must adhere to the LEED for Existing Buildings: O&M policy model (see Introduction). At a minimum, the policy must cover the green cleaning procedures and materials that are within the building and site management's control.