



Working together for a sustainable campus and community

HOPE COLLEGE GREEN CLEANING POLICY

The Physical Plant department's mission is to provide the best possible physical environment to sustain the spiritual, academic, domestic and athletic lifestyle of students at Hope College.

We deliver custodial services that provide exceptionally clean and sanitary environments for students, faculty, staff, and visitors for learning, living, teaching, research, and work. Custodial staff members also willingly embrace a sense of responsibility that demands that we do more than this. We fulfill our mission in a manner that is earth and human friendly. In keeping with our vision to maintain the campus effectively; custodial services affirms its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

'Green Cleaning' comprises an entire program affecting our choice of cleaning solutions, practices, and equipment, our goals for personnel training, and custodial personnel commitment to practice environmentally conscious cleaning and sanitation procedures.

Purpose

Physical Plant established this policy to reduce exposure of building occupants and custodial personnel to potentially hazardous chemical contaminants that adversely impact air quality or impede occupants' well-being. In short, we want to control the health-negative components within the indoor as well as the outdoor environment.

Goals and Strategies

'Green Cleaning' goals are to minimize the impact on the local environment and to emphasize and practice environmentally safe, low-impact cleaning chemicals and practices. Physical Plant continually aims to improve its environmental performance by:

- Educating, training, and motivating custodial staff to work in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Ensuring that all custodial staff members are aware of their responsibilities in implementing this environmental policy.
- Conserving energy, water, and other resources while still providing a clean and sanitary environment.
- Complying with all relevant current legislation and industry standards.
- Using cleaning products that meet Green Seal standard GS-37 or products with low-volatile organic compounds (VOC) whenever applicable.
- Using products that meet EPA standards with high post-consumer recycled content.
- Using equipment with good filtration.
- Eliminating phosphates and aerosol products.
- Using concentrated cleaning products when available.
- Using chemicals that are automatically and accurately diluted using cold water.
- Using products that are packed with recycled materials.