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Chemical Safety in the Workplace

The majority of tasks conducted by custodial staff involve the use of cleaning chemicals. For this reason, chemical safety must be incorporated into an official health and safety program for the facility.

Hazard Assessment - A workplace hazard assessment should be conducted and added to the health and safety program for the facility. A hazard assessment will identify chemicals of concern.

Communication - The facility managers and employees should create (if necessary) and participate in regular Health and Safety meetings which will provide the structure for a chemical safety program. Staff should be encouraged to bring up concerns, and facility managers must clearly outline proper chemical use based on the hazard assessment.

WHMIS - Ensure all staff have Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System training (see article regarding WHMIS update). WHMIS training will teach staff how to read labels, understand symbols, and navigate Safety Data Sheets.

SDS - A copy of all Safety Data Sheets needs to be maintained in an SDS binder, and kept in an easily accessible place (e.g. the custodial closet).

Labelling - Original labels must remain on cleaning chemical bottles, and all secondary bottles (for diluted products) must have workplace labels that carry over key information from the manufacturer label and SDS.

Storage - Cleaning chemicals need to be stored in a custodial closet or work area that limits access to unauthorized personnel.

Instructions - Staff must only use cleaning chemicals for their intended purpose, and only in a way that was instructed on the label. To minimize the danger of incorrect mixing, a chemical dilution system should be used.

PPE - Personal protective equipment must be supplied, and its use mandated by facility managers.

Reference: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)



WHMIS 2015

In February of this year, the new Globally Harmonized System (GHS) was officially incorporated into the existing Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS). This new system is called WHMIS 2015.

WHMIS 2015 is designed to function in our ever increasing international marketplace. The GHS is comprised of new hazard symbols and a new categorization system, which is followed by many other countries around the world. The symbols, and the structure of the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) remain consistent, and have standard text that be easily translated from language to language, ensuring the safe use of the product, no matter its origin.

Currently Canada is in a transition phase. You may start to see the new format SDS documents for the chemicals you are using in your facility. This phase will take approximately two years to complete, as manufacturers and suppliers produce new labels and safety sheets for their product lineups.

Workplaces have a responsibility to their employees to provide a safe work environment, which includes WHMIS training for staff. While the transition is in progress, custodial staff will have to have an understanding of both the WHMIS 1988 version, as well as the new WHMIS 2015 version.

To learn more about your options with regards to WHMIS 2015, please speak to your sales consultant.

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Spotlight: Summer Floor Restore

Summer is the ideal time to deep clean and restore that winter damaged floor finish. Below are several products we recommend to help you with your restoration tasks:

Easy Way Floor Stripper

Easy Way is a no scrub, no rinse stripper that liquefies maintained acrylic finish without scrubbing. On more stubborn finished floors, it significantly reduces the amount of scrubbing required for finish removal.



Deep Scrub Floor Finish Maintainer

In between complete stripping-and-recoating, Deep Scrub cleans and removes damaged and dull coats of finish. This allows you to apply fresh new layers of finish, returning the floor to its original shine.



Airx 15 Disinfectant Cleaner

Great for bathroom floor cleaning, Airx 15 disinfectant cleaner removes built up soil from grout when combined with a tile scrubbing floor pad and floor machine.

ETC's Ruff® Pad Scrub

Combine Airx 15 with this highly effective floor pad. Aggressive, but not abrasive, the bristles scrub those recessed grout areas not reached by conventional pads, bringing your floor back to its original state. Light weight, flexible, easily switched for floor pads, and much less expensive than a brush driver block. 20" diameter.



Need some advice on stripping, deep cleaning, or finishing your floors? We carry a variety of training guides and videos to help you out. Just ask your sales consultant for more information.



Spotlight: SC500 Automatic Scrubber



The Nilfisk-Advance SC500 automatic scrubber is the most advanced floor cleaning machine in its class.

Ideal for all types of facilities from industrial to hospital settings, the SC500 provides superior ergonomics and a simplified design and operation.

With new speed dependant solution control technology, the SC500 allows you to be even more productive while saving up to three times the amount of water.

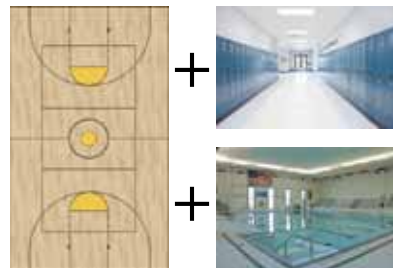
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Specials: Summer Clean-Up Sale

Cleaning Chemicals



AIRX 78+ combines highly effective quaternary ammonium compounds with modern synthetic detergents, emulsifiers, builders, water conditioners and airicide. Excellent cleaner with neutral pH. One 4L bottle makes 516L of ready-to-use solution.

4L - 083150 \$19.05



Dynamo X is a low-odour heavy duty floor finish stripper that is ideal for customer sensitive environments and can be used while customers are still in the facility. One 4L bottle makes 44L solution.

4L - 024120 \$20.90

Wild Rose Cleaner is a mild neutral floor cleaner suitable for daily damp mopping and autoscrubbing. Great value - a 20L pail makes 1020L of ready to use cleaning solution.

20L - 020240 \$49.00



1907 Gym Finish is an oil-modified urethane in a waterborne formulation that provides the durability and depth of gloss of an oil-based finish with the clarity of a water-based finish. Ready to use.

20L - 195302 \$330.00 **40% Savings!**



Restroom Care

Conventional Bathroom Tissue, #455, 500 sheets per roll, 96 rolls per case

Case - 52455 \$49.00



Jumbo Bathroom Tissue, #198, 1 ply, 2250' per roll, 12 rolls per case

Case - 52198 \$59.00

Urinal Tablets, 100 per box

Box - 166804 \$71.42



Micrell® Antibacterial Lotion Soap with Chloroxylenol, 800mL bag-in-box, 12 per case

Case - 127421 \$91.28



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Gloves

Disposable Nitrile Gloves, Powder-Free, Extra Large, 100/bx
Box - 5715I-700PF-CMXL \$10.50

Disposable Nitrile Gloves, Powdered, Extra Large, 100/bx
Box - 574342 \$21.00

Disposable Nitrile Gloves, Powdered, Medium, 100/bx
Box - 574341 \$21.00

Disposable Nitrile Gloves, TNT, Powdered, Small, 100/bx
Box - 5714D92600S \$21.00

Disposable Latex Gloves, Powdered, Small, 100/bx
Box - 574315 \$8.00

Rubber Gloves, Yellow, Small, 12/pk
Pack - 573207 \$18.99



Buckets and Wringers

UltraFlex Bucket/Wringer Combo
60133879 \$130.00



Hard Goods



Bar Wipe, Red
560053 \$0.75

GStat Dust Mop Refill, 48"
619373 \$24.43

Microfiber Wet Pad, Blue, 24"
61Q411-00 \$24.00

Fiberglass Handle, Red, 60"
639209 \$12.00



Smoker's Corner



Smoker's Pole, Black
53R1 \$249.00

Silica Sand, 100LB Drum
198105 \$59.00



Waste Receptacles

Waste Basket, Round, Grey
532010 \$19.78

School's In

Chalkboard Eraser, 12"
560200 \$12.00



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