

CAMPUS SERVICES PROCEDURE

GREEN CLEANING

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PURPOSE

This procedure is intended to support Emory University's sustainability vision of a University that "fosters healthy living", is "part of a healthy ecosystem"; and that seeks "to reduce the University's harmful impacts on the environment and contributes to regeneration of the ecosystem." This procedure applies to all cleaning products, equipment and practices conducted or contracted by the Campus Services Division.

PROCEDURE

A. STATEMENT

The focus of this procedure is on specific opportunities to modify traditional cleaning procedures to reduce impacts on the environment and on health, and to enhance pollution prevention strategies. Campus Services' cleaning will be consistent with the requirements of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), and of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, as outlined in Emory University's *Green Cleaning Manual*, current edition, written by Campus Services' Building and Residential Services Department. Generally, cleaning and housekeeping should meet or exceed Green Seal Standard GS-7.

B. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Green Cleaning:** the use of cleaning products and practices with less environmental impact than conventional products and practices.
- 2. U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Standard:** The USGBC is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization committed to promoting cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification program. LEED is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for buildings designed, constructed and operated for improved environmental and human health performance, addressing all building types, and emphasizing state-of-the-art strategies in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality.