

OP-11 Cleaning Products Purchasing

Spelman College, Atlanta

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Does the institution have a institution wide stated preference to purchase Green Seal or EcoLogo certified cleaning products?

Yes

The website URL where the green cleaning product purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines are posted.

<http://www.aramarkhighereducation.com/services/facilities/custodial.aspx>

A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed.

Spelman has adopted the appropriate structure and resources to support sustainability initiatives:

Spelman created a green campus that is energized, well-equipped and supported across campus. The college optimizes all spaces, incorporates modern conveniences and promotes sustainability. Designing and implementing a welcoming, safe, supportive and sustainable campus and its infrastructure are foundational to Spelman's ability to deliver signature experiences for the Atlanta University Center.

Spelman's cleaning operations and the products used on a daily basis ensure that it provides socially responsible services and an economic impact to the Spelman family. It is committed to purchasing resources responsibly and efficiently by weaving daily green cleaning into our daily operations.

Providing daily green cleaning products helps ensure human health and provides a cleaning service that minimizes its environmental footprint. The Spelman green cleaning program provides a more healthful indoor environment for educators, workers, students and staff. The green cleaning program also reinforces mindsets and habits that lead to more responsible personal habits. The environmental commitment uses safer chemicals to protect users while minimizing environmental damage, reduces packaging and transportation impact through the use of concentrated products. The green cleaning program reduces water use and pollution potential and aligns with LEED certification criteria. The economic picture reduces the quantity of cleaning products necessary for daily cleaning; transitioning from ready-to-use (RTU) to concentrate products saves money and reduces turnover rate through demonstration of worker safety priority.

Spelman uses ec-H2O technology, which electrically converts water into a superior cleaning solution that cleans better; increases cost savings and productivity gains up to 35% by eliminating training, purchasing, storing, handling, and chemical mixing tasks and costs; improves safety by improving floor traction to reduce slip and fall incidents; and reduces environmental impact compared with traditional cleaning chemicals and methods.

Expenditures on Green Seal and/or EcoLogo Certified Cleaning Products

\$160,348