

An Honor to be Green

In December 2007, Delta College received the Green Cleaning Award by American Schools & Universities, making us the first community college in the nation to receive this honor. The award recognizes educational institutions for exemplary green cleaning programs defined as one that “goes beyond chemical and equipment choices. It includes policies, procedures, training and shared responsibility efforts that minimize the impact of cleaning on the health of building occupants and staff, and that protect the environment as a whole.”



Clean Green Approach

Delta College has progressively adopted a clean, green approach by eliminating many traditional, caustic cleaning products and processes over the past couple of years. Custodial shelves are now stocked with environmentally-preferred cleaners for glass, grout, floor, carpet, and surfaces. Eco-conscious products, equipment, and processes are routinely being investigated and adopted. The goal of the program is three-tiered as it strives to incorporate supplies, products, and equipment that 1) have reduced environmental impact, 2) are Green Earth or CRI Certified, and 3) Green Seal or EcoLogo Certified. Because of the extra wear and tear on educational facilities, we also recognize the long-term benefits of green cleaning on the life-cycle of our fixtures, furnishings, equipment, and buildings.

Commitment to Sustainability

We clean green. A healthy environment is essential in attracting visitors and retaining students. A cleaner facility provides greater capacity for learning. Our aim is to protect our health without harming the environment. We strive to maintain the same quality performance as traditional, chemical-intensive methods.

- Environmentally-preferred cleaners, equipment and process
- Biodegradable products and recycled packaging
- Elimination of alkaline builders, heavy metals, ozone-depleting and carcinogenic ingredients
- Product toxicity reduction
- Improved air quality and decreased water use
- Elimination of hazardous disposal costs
- Increased life-cycle of fixtures, furnishings, equipment and buildings
- Derived from natural source ingredients eliminating dyes, fumes and synthetic fragrances
- Longer shelf life than traditional cleaners
- Concentrated products conserve physical shelf space
- Vacuum cleaners boast the green seal

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Delta College...Where our Color Will Always Be Green!