

# What's New Newsletter?

## SaniGuard Dry on Contact Surface Spray

It is extremely important that all surfaces that you come into contact with are sanitized, especially with this threat of an Influenza Pandemic. **SaniGuard** has been tested to kill Influenza A viruses of which H1N1 is a subtype. **SaniGuard** sanitizing surface spray is effective against 39 different germs, bacteria, fungus and viruses including Influenza A/Brazil, Influenza A/PR, E Coli (Bacterial Meningitis), Rubella (Viral Meningitis), Salmonella, Streptococcus, Staph, Herpes Simplex and HIV. Sanitizing contaminated surfaces with **SaniGuard Dry on Contact Surface Spray** can prevent the spread of Influenza Type A (H1N1). **SaniGuard** can be used to sanitize virtually any hard surface especially surfaces that are touched by several people like computer keyboards, telephones, cash registers, ATM's, grocery cart handles, light switches, door knobs, toilet seats, restroom fixtures, rental cars, the list is almost endless. The **SaniGuard**

**Fogger** is also an excellent way to prevent contamination in large rooms or areas; the 8oz. fogger effectively sanitizes up to 625 square feet, while a 3oz. fogger sanitizes 125 square feet.



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## HAND HYGIENE STATION



Our freestanding Floor Stand becomes a Hand Hygiene Station when adding a No Touch dispenser with Hand Sanitizer. Attached sign says "Hand Hygiene Station" and "Good Health Starts Here".

Ideal for making Hand Sanitizing available in public areas or wherever soap and water is not accessible.

## Top Ten Ways To Prevent swine flu.

Top Ten Ways to Stay Healthy at Home, Work, or School.  
Below are those suggestions:

1. Proper handwashing is still the most effective way to stop the spread of germs, yet even doctors and nurses often fail to adequately wash their hands as frequently as they should.
2. Use an instant hand sanitizer. These are effective, but should be viewed as an interim measure.
3. Get your flu shot and if a vaccine is available for swine flu, get that one too.
4. Discard used tissues in toilets, not trash cans.
5. Keep your immune system strong: eat well, stay active, and get lots of sleep.
6. Do not share pens, mugs, and utensils.
7. Stay home from work if you're sick and keep your children home from school if they are sick or have flu symptoms.
8. Make sure custodial workers regularly and hygienically clean desks, kitchen counters, door knobs and other surfaces, especially commonly and frequently touched surfaces.
9. Restrooms are high risk environments, especially during an outbreak. They should be hygienically cleaned on a frequent basis including: fixtures, counters, door knobs, walls, and floors.
10. Stay alert. Read and listen to credible sources on how to stay healthy through this challenging period. None of us have to be another victim or swine flu statistic.

## Myers Chemical & Supplies

Get more product info at: [www.Go2MyersSupply.com](http://www.Go2MyersSupply.com)

## Eliminator EcoOdor Fan

Eliminator EcoOdor Fan System is the world's only air freshener dispenser that uses the fragranced cover of the dispenser as the air freshener refill itself! Now, instead of unlocking a dispenser, unloading the old refill, loading the new refill and replacing the cover, you just take off the old cover/refill and replace it with a fresh one!!!



- **Easily the best** – each cover is composed of a unique material containing twice as much fragrance as most other air fresheners which is released over 30 days.
- **Easily Eco-friendly** – Eliminator EcoOdor refills are 100% recyclable and VOC compliant. Manufactured with over 50% less energy than typical plastic or steel containers.
- **Easily Freshens the air better** – continuously freshens for 30 days so you don't have the peaks and valleys (or the spritzing showers!) of metered aerosols.
- **Easy to Use** – each refill comes with a battery, so simply replace the old cover with a Fresh one - it's easy!

## Eliminator EcoOdor Bowl Clip

Eliminator EcoOdor is an environmentally friendly toilet bowl air freshener.

### Freshens the Air for 30 days

- Unique patent pending material contains 30x more air freshener than standard rimsticks
- Gradually releases air freshener over 30 days

### Environmentally Friendly

- Low VOC (compliant in all 50 States, Europe, N. America)
- 100% recyclable
- Will not dissolve in or pollute water

### Easy to Use

- Fits most standard toilets
- Clips on outside of bowl
- Shrinks to fit as fragrance evaporates



Fragrance Intensity ↑	Fragrance
	Herbal Mint
	Honeysuckle
	Ocean Mist
	Mango
	Spiced Apple
	Cotton Blossom
	Guava & Pineapple
	Cucumber Melon

## Super Scrub 175 RPM Floor Machine

### SuperScrub Design and Engineering Features

- Precision balanced, 1.5 HP, heavy-duty 66-frame motor for easiest operation.
- 17" and 20" size traditional all metal reinforced bell housing aprons.
- All metal chassis gives added weight for fastest results.
- Safety enhanced interlock switch leaves both hands conveniently in control.
- Safety enhanced non-conductive dual triggers eliminate shock potential.
- Triple-planetary high torque transmission handles the most demanding applications.
- 5 year warranty on motor, transmission, and chassis.



## von Drehle Paper Is Now Green Seal Certified



All von Drehle Green Seal Paper products meet or exceed EPA guidelines for post-consumer waste content. That means they satisfy procurement guidelines for government-funded organizations which are enforced by state and federal laws.



Customers can purchase von Drehle Green Seal Paper products with confidence, knowing they support the recycling movement, while helping to create a cleaner environment. Image-conscious customers will appreciate that every vonDrehle Green Seal Paper product is clearly labeled "100% Recycled."

von Drehle Corporation is committed to producing environmentally responsible paper products by utilizing recycled fiber and manufacturing processes that minimize waste, pollution, and conserve our natural resources. In the de-inking of recovered paper at our Miami mill, we do not use solvents containing chlorine, benzene, cadmium and cadmium compounds, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, chromium and chromium compounds, cyanide compounds, dichloromethane, lead and lead compounds, mercury and mercury compounds, methyl ethyl ketone, nickel and nickel compounds, tetrachloroethylene, toluene, 1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, or xylene. We do not use the sum concentrations of more than 1% by weight of finished product of the toxic chemicals listed by the EPA under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act. We do not use chlorine in the bleaching process.

Preserve products converted from Miami parent rolls are manufactured from 100% recycled fiber. Feather Soft, Harbor, Blue Water, and Blue Mist products are also manufactured from 100% recycled fiber. The majority of the products also meet EPA guidelines for post consumer content. There is virtually no waste generated in our manufacturing process. All side trims, seconds, and waste are baled and reprocessed internally or sold back into the recycled fiber market.

The cores used in our products are manufactured from 100% recycled fiber. Our packaging does not contain inks, dyes, pigments, stabilizers, or any additives to which any lead, cadmium, or hexavalent chromium has been intentionally introduced. The sum of the concentration levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, and hexavalent chromium present in any package or packaging components do not exceed 100 parts per million by weight. No inks, dyes, or fragrances have been added to Preserve products.

### Five Tips For Keeping Kids Flu Free

Tip 1: Make sure your children get a seasonal flu vaccine and the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. This week, Secretary Sebelius announced the H1N1 vaccine will be ready in early October. But the seasonal flu vaccine is available right now! For more information about the H1N1 vaccine, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination>.

Tip 2: Encourage healthy hygiene in your home. Remind your kids to wash their hands and to cover their mouths with a tissue or shirt sleeve when they cough. Also, encourage them not to share drinks or eating utensils with their friends. For more guidance on hygiene tips for flu prevention, visit [www.cdc.gov/cleanhands](http://www.cdc.gov/cleanhands) and <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm>.

Tip 3: Make an effort to keep your kids' play areas and toys clean. Use sanitizing wipes to wipe down toys, video games, and the computer. Visit <http://nrckids.org> for more information on cleaning in early childhood settings.

Tip 4: We've said it before, and we'll say it again - if your child has a fever or displays symptoms of the flu, including body aches, sore throat, headache or a cough, **keep your child home from school**.

Tip 5: Regularly visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) this flu season for the latest news about the flu and the vaccine, and for more tips to keep your family healthy this flu season.



To read the CDC's Child Care and Early Childhood Guidance, visit <http://www.flu.gov/professional/school/childguidance.html>.

## EPA Moves Forward With Green Disinfectants

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials announced they are poised to move forward with the green disinfectant and sanitizer pilot program at a September 3 meeting of the Workgroup on Comparative Safety Statements for Pesticide Product Labeling. According to ISSA reports, the program will consist of two tracks: (1) The EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) product recognition and (2) limited statements of environmental preferability.

At the September 3 meeting, EPA representatives presented the parameters under which the EPA Antimicrobial Division (AD) will allow the use of the DfE logo on the label and with the general promotion of certain disinfectants and sanitizers. EPA officials envision a two-part review process under which products would have to complete the DfE review and then complete a review by AD.

The pilot program also will encompass a track that allows registrants to make certain limited factual statements of environmental preferability in regard to disinfectants and sanitizers. In regard to this aspect of the pilot, EPA significantly cut back on the claims it would allow to be made in conjunction with such products.

## Habits Steady As Concerns for H1N1 Continue

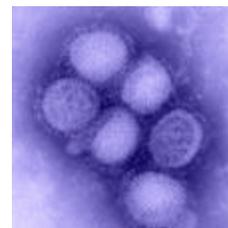
The good news: Americans recognize that good hygiene is an effective line of defense against the H1N1 virus (previously known as Swine Flu).

The bad news: the awareness has not driven a change in how frequently people wash their hands or clean surfaces that they touch all the time, which are important, effective behaviors for avoiding the flu.

In a nationwide survey of 888 adults conducted on behalf of The Soap and Detergent Association (SDA), respondents were asked about their level of concern about the virus; how that concern has changed their hygiene habits; and whether they believed implementing steps such as good hygiene can help avoid the spread of H1N1 (the survey was conducted by Echo Research from August 6-9, 2009).

### Among the key survey findings:

- Nearly two-thirds of households surveyed (65%) expressed concern about H1N1 flu (women more than men: 72%, 57%, respectively).
- More than nine out of ten (93%) believe that steps such as good hygiene will help limit its spread.
- Only one-third of respondents said they changed their overall hygiene habits in response to the growing concerns about H1N1.



Health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), say that the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus is the predominant influenza virus in circulation worldwide. Consequently, CDC states that H1N1 poses the potential to cause significant illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths during the U.S. influenza season.

"Simple but effective, everyday practices can help protect public health and guard against colds, flu and the H1N1 virus," said Nancy Bock, SDA Vice President of Education.



"We can combat H1N1 at home, in schools and the workplace if everyone does their part. Preventative health care is literally in our hands. Common sense hand hygiene and surface cleaning and disinfection practices will play an important role this year during the cold and flu season to help keep people healthy."

SDA recommends taking the following steps at home, work and school:

- Washing hands with soap for a minimum of 15-20 seconds routinely, particularly after coughing, sneezing, using the restroom and before eating meals.
- Having all family members carry a portable hand sanitizer product when access to soap and water is potentially inaccessible.
- Routinely cleaning and disinfecting home and office surfaces, including countertops, desks, keyboards, telephones and doorknobs and handles.

A total of 888 American adults (446 men and 442 women) were surveyed August 6-9, 2009, on behalf of SDA, by Echo Research. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percent. A summary of the findings will be available at [www.cleaning101.com/newsroom/surveys](http://www.cleaning101.com/newsroom/surveys).

## EPA Reaches Settlement with Manufacturer of Hospital Disinfectants; Company Agrees to Pay \$550,000 in Penalties

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently settled a third pesticide enforcement case against Lonza Inc., the nation's largest manufacturer of hospital disinfectants, for multiple violations of the federal law that regulates pesticides. Most recently, the New Jersey-based company agreed to pay more than \$550,000 in fines for allegedly making misleading claims regarding the efficacy of two products. The settlement is one of the largest civil penalties assessed under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Combined with earlier settlements, the penalties total over \$640,000. Under a previous settlement, the company also developed a ground-breaking supplemental environmental project, valued at \$390,000.



"It may surprise people to know that part of EPA's job is to make sure disinfectants are as effective as they claim, and we take this job very seriously," George Pavlou, Acting EPA Regional Administrator said. "Products that make claims that are not met put people at risk of getting sick. We are pleased that Lonza has agreed to not only pay penalties but to take steps that will go a long way toward rectifying the problem."

Before any pesticide is sold in the U.S., it must go through EPA's vigorous registration process. During this process, companies must provide health studies and environmental information about the product to ensure that its proper use does not cause any negative human or environmental effects. It is incumbent upon the manufacturer to ensure that a product functions as stated on the label. If EPA decides to register the product, it grants the manufacturer an EPA registration number, which is listed on the product. EPA also works closely with the manufacturer on the label language to make sure that it is clear and as specific as possible about how the product may be used.

Products cited for inefficacy in the most recent case were: Saniphor No. 450, registered as a tuberculocide, but found ineffective against a bacterium that causes tuberculosis; and 7 Healthcare Disinfectant Neutral Cleaner, which EPA tests determined did not kill the pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, as claimed on the label. In addition, Klear Guard Tub & Tile Foaming Germicidal Cleaner was cited as misbranded for use of a label with missing first aid information.

In addition to monetary fines, EPA's earlier settlement with Lonza Inc. required it to implement the innovative supplemental environmental project. Lonza has already begun its project to institute rigorous quality assurance and product efficacy testing at more than 470 formulators of Lonza products nationwide. This will help ensure that the products sold are effective and provide public health protection.

## CIMS Going Green

To meet the growing demand for "green" and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, ISSA is expanding its popular Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS) and certification program. The expansion includes a new designation based on environmental-preferability criteria that is expected to be focused primarily on the specific green cleaning requirements of the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance (LEED-EB: O&M) Green Building Rating System.

Intended to be implemented as the sixth dimension of CIMS, this new designation, CIMS-GB, will offer cleaning organizations an optional certification that is closely tailored to provide their customers with precisely what they need to secure LEED-EB: O&M points while greening their operations overall.



Development of the CIMS-GB program is underway. A nine-member primary technical committee, including representatives of all industry segments, has been assembled to develop criteria through a consensus-based process. All criteria will then be subject to public review, which will take place during this month. Criteria will be based primarily on those elements of LEED-EB: O&M that allow a facility to achieve points toward certification for green cleaning activities. Individuals interested in participating in the public review should visit [www.issa.com/cims](http://www.issa.com/cims) in September to view the preliminary draft criteria.

"Although the consensus-based process will have the final say regarding the criteria, our expectation is that it will be closely aligned with the specific requirements of LEED," noted Wagner. "That is certainly not to say that the criteria will mirror exactly what is specified in LEED. One of the goals of CIMS-GB development is to raise the bar and encourage cleaning organizations to take steps to offer more environmentally preferable and sustainable options, which will likely necessitate that the criteria differ from LEED in some instances."

## Preventing Infection in Hospital Rooms - Tips for Patients

Hospital rooms can harbor germs that can cause serious infections, especially for elderly patients, those with weakened immune systems and those who have undergone surgery or who have catheters or tubes inserted in the body. National Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week (September 13-19, 2009) is an opportunity to remind patients what an important role they can play in reducing the risk of infection transmission by keeping their hospital room as clean as possible. The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and the American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (ASHES) offer this advice to ensure a clean, healthy environment while patients are in a healthcare facility. [Learn more at www.preventinfection.org](http://www.preventinfection.org) and [www.ashes.org](http://www.ashes.org).

### Hand hygiene is job one: Clean your hands -- and request that others do the same

Germs reside on many surfaces in the hospital – including bed rails, stethoscopes, faucets and even the TV remote control. You and your healthcare workers can pick up these germs on hands. So it is important to keep hands away from your tubes, wounds and face, and wash or sanitize your hands frequently. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve. Watch the staff to make sure they wash or sanitize their hands with waterless sanitizer before providing care – and remind them if they forget. Ask for waterless hand sanitizer near your bedside.

### Survey your room – does it look clean?

Just like home, your hospital room should look and smell clean. Rooms should be cleaned daily. The areas of the patient room most at risk for harboring and spreading infection are those frequently touched by you and by healthcare workers. These are called “high-touch surfaces” and include bed rails, bedside tables, IV poles, call bells, door handles, bathroom surfaces and computer keyboards. Environmental Services (ES) staff should put on a new pair of gloves when they enter your room, and focus on comprehensive cleaning of the high-touch surfaces. Observe the cleaning process to ensure the high-touch areas are being cleaned. Don't be shy – if you believe they have missed something, say something! ES technicians might leave a card to let you know if they cleaned while you were away. If you have questions, call or ask nursing to call. Alerting the environmental staff of a concern will help to ensure a clean, healthy environment.

### Don't contribute to the clutter

Limit personal items and reduce clutter to ease the critical job of cleaning hospital rooms. Keep personal items off the floor and away from waste containers. Ask for a trash basket near your bed and have visitors dispose of their trash promptly – including pizza boxes and take-out food containers.

### Clean your over-the-bed tray

Your over-the-bed table should be cleaned/disinfected at least once a day. This should be done by your Environmental Services staff, but can be repeated just before you eat by the person delivering your meal tray.

### Never use a dirty pillow

Notify a staff member if your pillow falls on the floor or becomes soiled.

### Visitor etiquette

To keep your environment as clean as possible, visitors should not sit on your bed or handle your equipment. Ask visitors to sanitize their hands when entering and leaving your room to avoid bringing in and carrying out germs. Guests should not visit if they are sick or have had any symptoms within the last three days including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever (or feeling feverish), uncontrolled cough or rash.

### Take your slippers off

To prevent germs on the floor from contaminating your bed, remove your slippers, socks or footies before putting your feet on or in your bed.

### A word about patient bathrooms

Patient bathrooms are just for patients. Visitors should use common bathrooms in the lobby or hallways.

### Meet your Infection Preventionist and your Environmental Services Technician

Patients often see many healthcare workers, but they don't usually see those who work behind the scenes to ensure the prevention of healthcare-associated infections. All hospitals have an Infection Preventionist – a qualified nurse or other professional who manages the hospital's infection prevention program, as well as a team of Environmental Services technicians. To learn more about infection prevention, ask to see the Infection Preventionist and visit [www.preventinfection.org](http://www.preventinfection.org). To learn more about healthcare environmental services, ask to meet the director or manager and visit [www.ashes.org](http://www.ashes.org).



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