

What's New Newsletter?

New .4 ml EZ Foam Dispenser

The new .4 ml Kutol EZ Foam dispenser features a large, easy to use push pad located at the top rather than the bottom of the dispenser. The push pad placement lets users see the amount of product being dispensed into their hand, thus reducing waste caused by over-dispensing. The risk of leakage at the valve is also eliminated. This dispenser is ADA Compliant, requiring one hand and less than 5 lbs. of pressure to dispense product.

The new EZ Foam system dispenses .4 mL of foam per push versus 1.5 ml per push for most bag-in-box liquid systems. Assuming one dose per hand washing, EZ Foam will provide 2500 hand washings per 1000 mL bag.

The EZ Foam dispenser features smooth contemporary lines, a textured non-glare surface & tough ABS plastic construction. The multi-purpose view window makes it simple to monitor the soap level and provides an ideal location for product labeling.

Each foaming hand soap dispenser comes with a full set of easy to install product labels.



Simple Solutions E.logical Dispensing System



The Simple Solutions Green Series delivers the flexibility to customize and configure multiple products from multiple packaging shapes and sizes, and provides the flexibility to configure the system as it works best for your application.

Utilizing AccuPro Pressure Regulation Technology, The Simple Solutions Green Series Systems ensure accurate dilution regardless of water pressure ensuring optimal product performance!



Simple Solutions E.logical Peroxide Cleaner #Go2 Super Concentrate

Simple Solutions E.logical Glass Cleaner #32 Super Concentrate
Simple Solution E.logical Bathroom Cleaner #42 Super Concentrate
Simple Solution E.logical Degreaser #62 Super Concentrate



We strongly believe in closed loop dilution control systems for the advantages it contributes to human and environmental safety and impact, as well as the significant savings in product costs it offers as compared to "free pour". We offer many dispenser options so end-users can have the system optimal for them.

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Adfinity™ REV



If you demand high levels of cleaning with the ultimate in green benefits, REV Technology is what you've been looking for.

One of our most important features of REV- you can strip floors chemical-free! That's right, using only water.

No longer will you worry about chemical smells, and slippery floors when you strip. Not to mention the savings in chemical!

Couple that with all the other benefits of using REV and it's a win-win for everyone. Save up to 70% in solution, extend your pad life by 40%, get longer battery runtimes, and cut labor time in half!

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SurfaceAide 90 Day Antimicrobial Protection



SurfaceAide® XL delivers the durability, safety and affordability you need to protect vital surfaces from the growth of bacteria, mold and fungi 24/7 for up to 90 days.

Promotes the long-term reduction of harmful bacteria, mold, and fungi on surfaces.

- Minimizes the presence of microbes on touch points that can serve as transfer routes for bacteria from surface-to-skin.
- Generates an environmentally friendly, non-leaching antimicrobial products barrier on surfaces that is non-toxic, and non-sensitizing to human skin.
- One application proactively and continually fights the growth of bacteria, mold and fungi on surfaces for up to 90 days.
- Proactively and continually prevents odor, staining and deterioration caused by bacteria, fungi, mold and mildew.
- Can be safely and easily applied without affecting day-to-day operations.
- Invisible, odorless and will not affect the appearance or performance of treated surfaces.
- Will not create adaptive organisms or “super bugs”.

HiFlo CarbonTec

The best professional Water Fed pole system on the market reaches up to 50'. Quality engineered and manufactured in Germany, the patent pending carbon fiber system is modular and extremely rigid and lightweight.

Worker Safety – No ladders needed!

Work from the ground For most applications, the dangerous use of ladders is not necessary this results in safer working conditions for cleaners.

Water Fed Poles increase ROI over Lift Rentals

Renting a lift is an expensive recurring cost to get the jobs done. Investment into a HiFlo PureWater system does not incur major additional costs and can be used for years.

Insourcing vs. Outsourcing your Cleaning Jobs

With inexpensive operating costs, insourcing your cleaning jobs using the HiFlo PureWater Cleaning Systems has a very attractive cost-saving potential. Compare your last window cleaning invoice to the investment cost of new Pure Water Cleaning System. In most cases the cost of ownership is realized after one or two cleaning jobs.



Pure Water DI 225



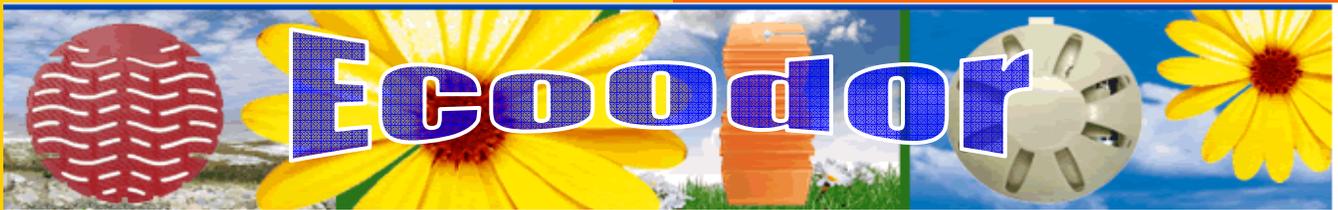
The use of Pure Water eliminates the need for harmful cleaning chemicals. This results in a safer, chemical free workplace for cleaners and no harmful chemicals destroying our environment. Green Cleaning!

What is DI (de-ionizing, ion exchanger)?

A filtering method where water flows through a cylinder that is filled with ion exchanger resin. The ions to be replaced (electrically loaded particles) are bound to the resin, which in turn releases ions itself. In the process, the water is de-ionized, i.e. all minerals and salt are removed from it.

How does Pure Water work?

Dirt is loosened on surface through brush agitation (variety of brushes available). Then rinse dirt off using Pure Water (cleaning action). Pure Water will evaporate without leaving spots or streaks. Waterfed poles easily deliver purified water to the cleaning surface.



Harmonized Restroom Odor Control System

EcoOdor Men's Room Solutions



EcoOdor Screen eliminates odors and releases optimized bacteria that clean the urinal and eliminate odors. The screen saves time and money with a revolutionary design that reduces splash back while optimizing fragrance release and cutting cleaning time by up to 50%.

The flexible design allows a full view of urinal drain to ensure optimal drain flow while trapping debris.

EcoOdor Fan 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 new one.



EcoOdor Screen



EcoOdor Fan

EcoOdor Women's Room Solutions



EcoOdor Bowl Clips

EcoOdor Bowl Clips fits most standard toilets and clips on outside of bowl. The bowl clip shrinks to fit as fragrance evaporates.

Freshens the Air for 30 days with a unique patent pending material contains 30x more air freshener than standard rimsticks. The EcoOdor Bowl Clips gradually releases to freshen the air continuously for 30 days.

EcoOdor Fan refills are 100% recyclable and VOC compliant.

Manufactured with over 50% less energy than typical plastic or steel containers.

Continuously freshens for 30 days so you don't have the peaks and valleys (or the spritzing showers!) of metered aerosols.



EcoOdor Fan



Fragrance Intensity ↑

Herbal Mint (translucent green)	Spiced Apple (translucent red)
Mango (translucent orange)	Cotton Blossom (translucent blue)
Spiced Apple (translucent red)	Cucumber Melon (translucent light green)

Fragrance Intensity ↑



Cleaning's Affect On Asthma

According to the California Work-Related Asthma Prevention Program, part of the Occupational Health Branch of California Department of Public Health, cleaning products used in workplaces can cause or trigger work-related asthma.



To prevent harsh affects of cleaning products, employers should make sure the safest products and practices are used in the workplace. The program has found that nearly 10 percent of all work-related asthma cases were caused by exposure to cleaning products. Most of these cases had new asthma that started only after they began work the exposures caused their asthma. About one in five people (almost 20 percent) used cleaning products directly, such as janitors. The other 80 percent of workers attributed their asthma symptoms to cleaning products used nearby. Many workplaces, like schools, hospitals, and restaurants are places where everyone, including children, can be affected by cleaning products.

How can asthma from cleaning products be prevented?

1. Use safer products Safer products are available. For example, Green Seal GS-37 certified products do not contain ingredients that are known to cause asthma. There also are water-based cleaning tools available like steam cleaning or the new activated water systems (spray bottles that turn plain water into a cleaner). Using safer products protects workers and others in these work settings.
2. Use safer work methods — Never mix cleaning products together. Never use a cleaner at full strength when the instructions say to dilute it. Don't disinfect too much. Disinfect only in areas where it is necessary or required. And always:
 - Work with as much ventilation as possible, Open windows and doors if needed.
 - Avoid using spray products and aerosols. Instead, pour cleaner onto a cloth to wipe on the surface. Microfiber cloths are best because less cleaning chemical is required.
 - Use personal protective equipment such as goggles and gloves. Wear a respirator if your employer says one is necessary. CAUTION: dust masks will NOT prevent these chemicals from entering your lungs.
 - Read product warning labels and MSDSs.

USDA Introduces Bio-Based Labels



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued a final rule establishing a voluntary labeling program for “biobased” products made from renewable biological ingredients. Part of the USDA BioPreferred Program, which also administers procurement preferences for federal agencies, the labeling initiative applies to those products certified as containing a prescribed amount of renewable plant, animal, marine, or forestry material.

According to a USDA press release, “This new label will clearly identify biobased products made from renewable resources, and will promote the increased sale and use of these products in the commercial market and for consumers.”

The BioPreferred Program has apparently designated “approximately 5,100 biobased products” in 50 categories, but estimates that “there are 20,000 biobased products currently being manufactured in the United States.”

As USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan stated, “Today’s consumers are increasingly interested in making educated purchasing choices. This label will make those decisions easier by identifying products as biobased. These products have enormous potential to create green jobs in rural communities, add value to agricultural commodities, decrease environmental impacts, and reduce our dependence on imported oil.”

To see an example of USDA's new BioPreferred product label, visit www.biopreferred.com.



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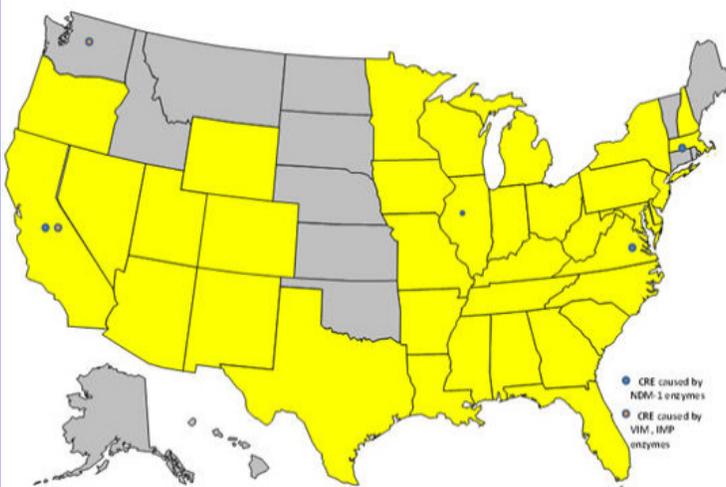
CDC Healthcare-associated Infections CRE & NDM-1

Given the importance of *Enterobacteriaceae* in healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and the extensive antimicrobial resistance found in these strains, all types of carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) are an important public health problem, regardless of their mechanism of resistance or their country of origin. In addition, as *Enterobacteriaceae* are a normal part of human flora, the potential for community-associated CRE infections also exists. Carbapenem-resistance in *Enterobacteriaceae* can occur by many mechanisms, including the production of a metallo-beta-lactamase (such as NDM, VIM, and IMP) or a carbapenemase (such as *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase, KPC).

CDC has been working with partners to prevent CRE infections, including those caused by KPC-producing organisms, which are the most common type of CRE in the United States. The KPC gene makes *Enterobacteriaceae* bacteria resistant to all beta-lactam/carbapenem antibiotics. KPC producers have been reported in about 36 states and are associated with high mortality, up to 40 percent in one report. They may be present in the other 14 states as well, but have not been reported to CDC. The presence of CRE, regardless of the enzyme that produced that resistance, reinforces the need for better antibiotic stewardship, transmission prevention, and overall HAI prevention in any healthcare setting.

The detection of new mechanisms of carbapenem resistance (ie, metallo-beta-lactamases) in the United States has raised questions about the identification and control of CRE. The mechanism of carbapenem-resistance is of epidemiologic interest but is not necessary for implementation of infection prevention recommendations. Current guidance for the control of all types of epidemiologically important multidrug-resistant organisms is available in the [2006 MDRO Guideline](#). In addition, [see specific guidance for the control of CRE](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5810a4.htm) <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5810a4.htm>. These recommendations apply regardless of the resistance mechanism.

It is important to note that CRE, unlike other drug-resistant infections such as VRSA, are not a nationally reportable or notifiable disease. Therefore, there is not a requirement to report to CDC and therefore we may not know the true number of infections caused by these organisms in the US (only those voluntarily reported to CDC). Below is a map showing states with confirmed CRE cases caused by the KPC enzyme in yellow. A blue dot represents a confirmation of CRE caused by the NDM-1 enzyme. An orange dot represents a CRE caused by a VIM or IMP enzyme.



States with confirmed CRE cases caused by the KPC enzyme.

Alabama	Nevada
Arizona	New Hampshire
Arkansas	New Jersey
California	New Mexico
Colorado	New York
Delaware	North Carolina
Florida	Ohio
Georgia	Oregon
Illinois	Pennsylvania
Indiana	South Carolina
Iowa	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana	Utah
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	West Virginia
Michigan	Wisconsin
Minnesota	Wyoming
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Nebraska	

Top 10 States for LEED Green Buildings Released

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) released its 2010 list of top 10 states for LEED-certified commercial and institutional green buildings per capita, based on the U.S. 2010 Census information. The District of Columbia leads the nation, with 25 square feet of LEED-certified space per person in 2010, with Nevada being the leading state, with 10.92 square feet per person in 2010.

The top LEED states per capita, including the District of Columbia:

District of Columbia: 25.15 sf

Nevada: 10.92 sf

New Mexico: 6.35 sf

New Hampshire: 4.49 sf

Oregon: 4.07 sf

South Carolina: 3.19 sf

Washington: 3.16 sf

Illinois: 3.09 sf

Arkansas: 2.9 sf

Colorado: 2.85 sf

Minnesota: 2.77 sf



USGBC's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of green buildings. Over 40,000 projects are currently participating in the commercial and institutional LEED rating systems, comprising over 7.9 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 117 countries. In addition, nearly 10,000 homes have been certified under the LEED for Homes rating system, with nearly 45,000 more homes registered.

LEED for Healthcare Debuts at CleanMed Conference

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) introduced its latest green building rating system, LEED for Healthcare, at the CleanMed conference. The rating system guides the design and construction of both new buildings and major renovations of existing buildings, and can be applied to inpatient, outpatient and licensed long-term care facilities, medical offices, assisted living facilities and medical education and research centers.

The LEED for Healthcare rating system represents a culmination of close collaboration between the Green Guide for Healthcare (GGHC), a project of the Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems and Health Care Without Harm, and USGBC. The GGHC pilot launched in 2007, and feedback from the projects helped inform the creation of LEED for Healthcare.

"LEED for Healthcare represents a milestone for green building," said Gail Vittori, Co-Director of Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems and Founding Chair of the LEED for Healthcare Committee. "Building on the foundational work of the Green Guide for Healthcare, it provides an explicit recognition of health consequences associated with a spectrum of building-related decisions—from location, to water and energy sources and use patterns, and materials specification—and emphasizes integrative design as requisite for a successful design, construction and building performance outcomes."

LEED for Healthcare was developed to meet the unique needs of a 24-hour operational facility, including process water use related to medical equipment, rural facility locations, patient populations, often with compromised immune systems, sensitive to chemicals and pollutants, patient and staff health and many other issues that are unique to this building type.

The LEED for Healthcare rating system passed USGBC member ballot in November 2010. More than 225 healthcare projects have received LEED certification, with 1,176 in the pipeline as registered projects. Additional tools and resources, including educational workshops, webinars, podcasts, and Reference Guide, will be made available in the coming months when full certification functionality is available.

To learn more about LEED for Healthcare, pre-order a Reference Guide or participate in a rating system-specific workshop, visit www.usgbc.org/leed/healthcare.



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