

What's New Newsletter?



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The new Glit floor pads are now in stock. All pads are a blend of 100% polyester and/or 100% nylon fibers bonded with a tough, strong, elastic synthetic resin and impregnated with abrasives. The specific types of fibers and abrasives used are related to the aggressiveness required for the particular floor maintenance procedure. Each pad is designed and constructed to provide thorough and continuous contact with floor surface. Open web construction enables easier dirt pick-up and permits faster pad cleaning under running water. All pads are usable on both sides with equal effectiveness. Thick line pads are manufactured in sizes from 7 3/4" to 32" in diameter. They are supplied with a bolt hole for high speed machines.

Grout Cleaning Made EZ

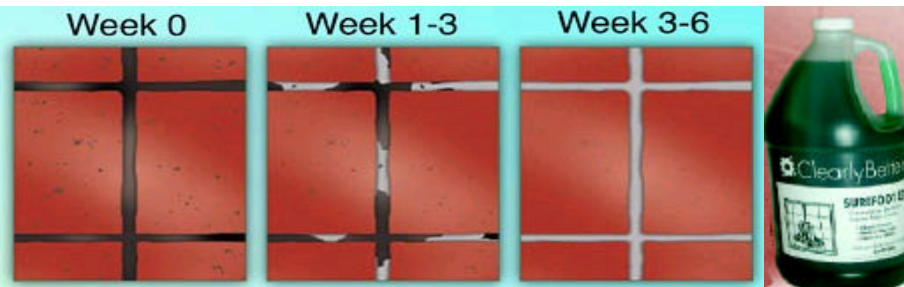
Greasy floors. They are unsafe and unsightly. Deep, packed-in grease and soil build up over time creating "grease banks" in grout and tile pores. Traditional floor cleaning methods often simply spread the grease back onto the tiles, rather than eliminating the grease, creating a uniformly slippery surface.

Fortunately, Myers has a solution.

Clearly Better new Surefoot EZ is a revolutionary no-rinse floor cleaner that attacks greasy floors with its patent-pending technology. The advanced formula combines enzymes with traditional cleaning agents to eat away at the grease buildup commonly found in restaurants and foodservice operations.

In addition to more effective cleaning, skipping the rinse step helps reduce water and labor costs. In fact, the biodegradable formula should not be rinsed off. The enzymes continue to work during and after application, eliminating packed-in grease in between tiles and in tile pores.

Most importantly, Surefoot EZ eliminates the root cause of slippery floors - grease.



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New Launderable Looped-End Mops



Our line of pre-shrunk looped-end mops is designed to meet the needs of the health care industry and other users who launder mops. These mops may be laundered repeatedly while maintaining their clean appearance, low lint factor, absorbency and strength without shrinking. They also save money by outlasting cut-end mops up to eight times and reducing labor costs by up to one half!



Founded in 1938, Wilen Cleanworx produces more than 3,000 items for wet and dust mop applications, as well as hundreds of specialized cleaning tools and accessories. Our products are designed to help you clean faster, better and more efficiently. At Wilen, we're clearly focused on cleaning.

Myers Chemical & Supplies

Get more product info at: www.MyersSupply.com

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New Simple Solutions Dilution System



The Simple Solutions comes in four models: (1) single-product bottle fill, (2) single-product bucket fill, (3) 5-product with Dial 4 bottle fill and bucket fill, and (4) 8-product with Dial 4 bottle and Dial 4 bucket fill.

The enclosure for the Simple Solutions is perfect for hostile environments such as restaurant kitchens. Valves and parts making up the system are protected by a durable rolled steel cover with a powder-coated finish. The cover also has a large surface area for product labeling!

An excellent chemical management program reduces labor, cuts costs, provides safer methods for handling chemicals, and assists your facility with regulatory compliance. Simple Solutions has a chemical management program designed for you. Whether you have a large or small facility, in-house staff or contractor cleaning program, space for wall mounted dispensers or not, we have a system that will meet your individual needs.

With the SAFTFLO™ Lock & Key liquid containment system your filling and dispensing operations are cleaner, safer and more efficient.

At the heart of the Simple Solution system is the SAFTFLO bottle insert. The insert (Lock) features an automatic, self-venting and anti-reversing (no back flow) check valve. The insert is recessed into the bottle neck and flush mounted for safe, easy shipping and storage.

A matching SAFTFLO cap adapter (Key) unlocks the system when mated to the bottle insert allowing a controlled product flow.

The Lock & Key system prevents drips, spills and workplace contamination. Costly mixing, measuring and dispensing mistakes by untrained personnel are eliminated.

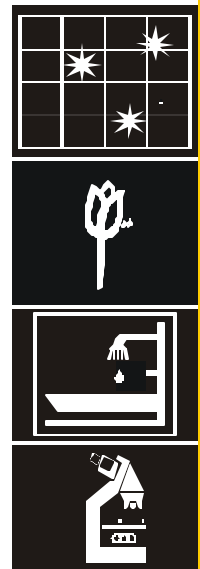
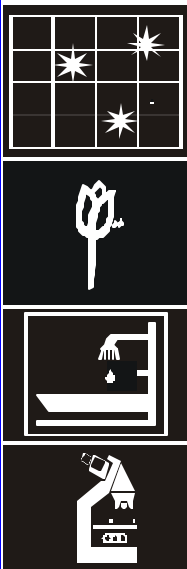


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Simple Solutions Chemicals

- Simple Solutions General Purpose Neutral Cleaner #20
- Simple Solutions Glass & Surface #30
- Simple Solutions Non Acid Washroom Cleaner #40
- Simple Solutions Mild Acid Washroom Cleaner #41
- Simple Solutions 1/2 oz Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner #50
- Simple Solutions 2 oz Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner #51
- Simple Solutions Citrus Power Cleaner #60
- Simple Solutions Butyl Power Cleaner #61
- Simple Solutions Enzyme Odor Control #70
- Simple Solutions Odor Destroyer #73

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HealthySEAT

Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool



EPA has developed a unique software tool to help school districts evaluate and manage their school facilities for key environmental, safety and health issues. [Note: EPA is using the term “district” to broadly describe any institutional system for managing multiple schools, whether they are public, private, tribal, charter or some variation.] The new Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (HealthySEAT) is designed to be customized and used by district-level staff to conduct completely voluntary self-assessments of their school (and other) facilities and to track and manage information on environmental conditions school by school. In addition to powerful software that can be used by districts to track any facility issues it chooses, EPA has also included critical elements of all of its regulatory and voluntary programs for schools, as well as web links to more detailed information. Districts and others can download HealthySEAT at no cost from the EPA web site. HealthySEAT is meant to be loaded and used on district computers; once it is downloaded from the EPA web site, HealthySEAT is yours to customize and use as you see fit. There are no reporting requirements and no obligation to use the checklist EPA has provided.

Improve the Health, Safety, and Performance of Students and Staff

There are approximately 120,000 public, private, charter, and tribal schools in the United States, and many of them contain hazards that may pose risks to children and staff. The guidance included in HealthySEAT can improve the health of students and staff by ensuring that all potential environmental and safety hazards in schools are being properly managed. Examples of school environmental hazards include chemical releases, pesticide exposures, flaking lead paint, mold and other indoor air quality problems, and damaged asbestos-containing building materials.

HealthySEAT will help school districts identify and correct hazards before they result in:

- health problems in students and staff such as asthma attacks, lead poisoning, and other chemical exposures;
- productivity and performance losses in students and staff;
- school closures due to spills, accidents, or other preventable environmental, health and safety issues;
- costly building clean-ups;
- regulatory enforcement actions by state or federal agencies;
- community concern and resource-draining media attention.

In addition, HealthySEAT will help school districts:

- Collect the kind of school- and hazard- specific data necessary to make a compelling case for needed renovation, repair and maintenance dollars.
- Demonstrate to the community that your district is committed to the health and safety of children and staff.

The HealthySEAT software has three primary components:

1. Customize for District – Allows the district to fully customize the tool for district use, including adding its own name and district logo, facilities, assessors, and contacts for remediation, as well as tailoring the content to district policies, programs and priorities. The district can also tailor the prioritization scheme included with the tool, customize letters and manage security features, among other administrative functions.
2. School-Specific Assessment Information – Allows the district to enter and store information about every assessment conducted at individual schools, track the status of every recommendation, and generate customized letters and reports to individual schools pre-and post-visits.
3. Reports/Output Menu – Users can select from a variety of report options that will organize and extract information from the database such as Assessment Findings by School, Recommendations by Topic/Subtopic, etc.

Step-by-step instructions are provided for customizing and using HealthySEAT information at:

http://www.epa.gov/schools/healthyseat/users_manual/index.html

The Quick Start Guide is designed for first-time users at:

<http://www.epa.gov/schools/healthyseat/downloads1.html>



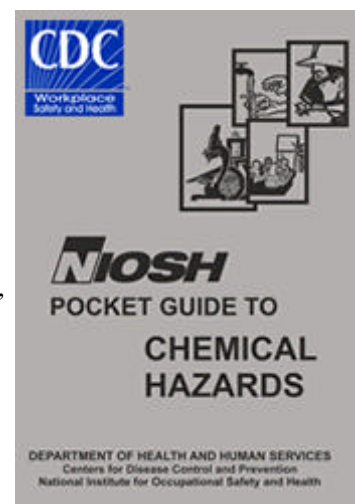
Updated NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards Available

An updated version of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) "Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards" is now available. The updated guide is intended to provide a quick, convenient source of general information on industrial hygiene practices and its intended audience includes both workers and employers, as well as occupational safety and health professionals.

The pocket guide includes information on 677 chemicals and substance groupings commonly found in the workplace. Each entry includes information on the following: (1) chemical structure or formula; (2) identification code(s); (3) synonyms; (4) exposure limits; (5) chemical and physical properties; (6) reactivity and incompatible substances; (7) measurement methods; (8) respirator selection; (9) exposure signs and symptoms; and (10) emergency treatment procedures.

NIOSH is also making available the guide electronically as a CD-ROM entitled "NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards and Other Databases 2005." The CD-ROM version includes all 677 chemical and substance group entries and is fully searchable. In addition, the CD-ROM contains the following databases:

- * Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health Concentrations (IDLHs)
- * International Chemical Safety Cards (WHO/IPCS/ILO)
- * NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods
- * OSHA Sampling & Analytical Methods
- * Recommendations for Chemical Protective Clothing
- * Specific Medical Tests Published for OSHA -Regulated Substances
- * Toxicologic Review of Selected Chemicals
- * 2004 Emergency Response Guidebook
- * Chemicals Cited by ICSC and NPG 1/2 MDL RTECS



For more information go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/>

OSHA Fines Company For Failure to Record Workplace Injuries & Illnesses



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has fined a paper manufacturer a total of \$170,000 for the company's widespread failure to record work-related injuries and illnesses in violation of OSHA's workplace injury and illness recording standard (29 CFR 1904).

Acting on an employee complaint, OSHA conducted a thorough examination of the Maine manufacturer's illness and injury logs for the years 2003-2005. Most significantly, OSHA identified 59 instances where injuries and illnesses were not recorded on the OSHA 300 illness and injury log, and 77 instances where injuries and illness were not recorded on the required log within seven days. Further, OSHA noted that the manufacturer's annual injury and illness summaries were not complete despite the manufacturer's certification to the contrary.

Such violations led to the issuance of three willful citations, carrying \$165,000 in fines, as well as three "other-than-serious" citations, carrying an additional \$5,000 in fines.

The six-figure fine clearly demonstrates the importance of making sure that you are in full compliance with your injury and illness record keeping obligations. More information on the OSHA recordkeeping requirements for work related injuries and illnesses is available at: <http://www.issa.com/legislative/injuryillness.pdf>.



CleanGredients
for I&I Cleaning Products



EPA and GreenBlue Invite Cleaning Industry to Test-Drive CleanGredients™

The U.S. EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) and the GreenBlue Institute (GreenBlue) invite interested formulators and others to test-drive the beta (i.e., trial) version of the CleanGredients™ database—designed as a one-stop-shop to support the formulation of green institutional and industrial cleaning products. ISSA members are encouraged to visit and comment on the CleanGredients™ database, which is located at www.cleangredients.org.

ISSA is a member of the Steering Committee that has overseen the development of the CleanGredients™ database.

CleanGredients™ is a searchable database of ingredients for use in formulating cleaning products with improved human and environmental health profiles. The database is divided into modules for different ingredient classes, and the initial surfactants module is now ready for review and comment. The database eventually will be expanded to cover additional ingredient classes such as solvents and others.

CleanGredients™ includes data and information on the environmental and health attributes of the chemical components of cleaning product formulations and is designed to:

1. Help companies that formulate cleaning products to identify ingredients that are useful in the development and formulation of green cleaning products; and
2. Provide opportunity for suppliers of cleaning product ingredients to showcase their ingredients with environmental and/or human health and safety attributes.

According to Lauren Heine, Director of Applied Science at GreenBlue, “The database aligns broad environmental and human health goals with the cleaning product industry’s business objectives and will support formulators in formulating products with human and environmental health benefits, whether to meet internal corporate standards, regulatory requirements, voluntary product recognition programs or green procurement criteria.”

It is the goal of the CleanGredients™ project to make this information available to formulators on a complimentary or modest cost basis.

GreenBlue and DfE invite you to participate in the review of the test version of CleanGredients™ by visiting www.cleangredients.org. “Your input and feedback are welcomed as we work to ensure that this resource will serve formulators and suppliers in promoting and using green chemistry in their product design and development,” said David DiFiore, Senior Project Manager for DfE.

About CleanGredients™

Funded through a collaborative agreement between the U.S. EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) Program and GreenBlue Institute (GreenBlue), CleanGredients™ is being developed as an online database of institutional and industrial (I&I) cleaning ingredients to simplify the process of green formulation.

The attributes, criteria and reporting formats that make up CleanGredients™ are the result of recommendations by its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with guidance from the CleanGredients Steering Committee, of which ISSA is a member, over the past year. The Technical Advisory Committee is comprised of some 25 experts from industry, government, NGOs and industry associations.



ICT magazine's Infection Control Education Institute presents...

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Cost: Free

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Webinars, live seminars held online, give participants an opportunity to participate in an interactive event wherever they have access to the internet and a phone.

This comprehensive Webinar is designed for general ward, operating room, sterile processing, healthcare facility, environmental services department and public-health professionals. Arm yourself with the science-based information necessary to combat HAIs in your facility.

Topics to be covered include:

- What are HAIs
- What they cost in dollars and lives lost
- How they can be controlled and prevented

Confirmed speakers include:

- Betsy McCaughey, Ph.D., chairperson, Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths
- Additional Speakers To Be Announced

The Infection Control Education Institute Webinar Series on Preventing and Controlling Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) will offer a complimentary Webinar the last Tuesday of every month in 2006.

Upcoming Webinar topics include:

- Addressing HAI sources part I: surgical site infections
- Addressing HAI sources part II: central line/catheter-related infections
- Addressing HAI sources part III: ventilator-associated pneumonia
- Hand hygiene's role in preventing and controlling HAIs
- Understanding and Implementing Guidelines to Facilitate Infection Control Principles and Practices
- Update on mandatory reporting of HAIs
- Making the business case for the prevention of HAIs
- Fighting HAIs in the sterile processing department
- Fighting HAIs through environmental services
- Sterilization issues and HAIs
- Continuing Education approval is pending.



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