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## New Year's Resolution

The verdict is in! The federal government's executive order #1301 states that green cleaning products and procedures "have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared to traditional cleaning products and procedures." Many state and local governments are also mandating the move to green. Green is here to stay! It is a fact that green cleaning provides benefits to your cleaning staff, to your building occupants and to the environment.

Your New Year's Resolution for 2008 should be to take your facility green by using biorenewable and green cleaning products and procedures. By making the move to green, you will improve the health and safety of your cleaning staff and your building occupants while also contributing to a better environment.

By going green, you will not sacrifice cleaning performance nor will you negatively impact your budget. Today's biorenewable and green cleaning products are as effective as traditional cleaning products, and they do not cost more to use. Another benefit of using biorenewable and green products is that these items are primarily made from agricultural and forestry products grown here in the U.S.A. They help reduce our dependence on imported products, fossil fuels and their derivatives. You cannot lose by going green. Going green is a win / win for your cleaning staff, your building occupants and the environment!

As you move toward having a green building, do not overlook such common items as paper towels, toilet paper and hand soap. These can be sourced as green products. Also, remember to look at your cleaning procedures. New tools such as microfiber dust mops and wet mops can significantly reduce chemical and water usage making your cleaning procedures healthier while saving money.

Please contact us at Great Western if we can help you keep your New Year's Resolution of going green. With our products and experience, we can help make your transition to green easy. Give us a call at our Davenport office at 563/445-6644 or at our Cedar Rapids office at 319-395-0445.

Ask Mr. Janitor:  
2007 was a good year for us and our facility. We stayed within the maintenance budget and had only a few problems keeping the facility clean and in good shape. Do you have any ideas for us for 2008?



Mr. Janitor Answers:  
In 2008, you need to take steps to move your facility to a green building. Green is no longer just a buzz word or a momentary fad. Going green has many benefits for you, for your staff, and for those who work in or use your facility.