

ABC's of Restroom Cleaning

It's widely known that restroom cleanliness is the top source of building complaints. When a restroom is not properly maintained, it reflects poorly on the over all image of the facility.

Restrooms pose cleaning challenges that typically don't exist in other areas of a facility, such as varying surfaces, soil type and odor issues.

Effective restroom cleaning involves more than selecting an all-purpose cleaner and wiping every surface. It requires an ABC approach that includes the following:

Analyze the soil type

Cleaning professional's face a multitude of soil types, including common soil, hard water and mineral deposits, soap scum and mildew. It is important for cleaning professionals to be able to distinguish between the different types.

Bring the right tools

It is important for cleaning professionals to understand the capabilities of different cleaning products and to select the most appropriate for the job.

One cleaning chemical may be ideal for removing hard water and mineral deposits. It is important to have the right cleaner for the task at hand. To clean an area most effectively, it is best to begin using a product with the least / lowest activity or strength, and only use stronger products if necessary to get the job done.

Cleaning with best practices

The old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," certainly holds true with restroom cleaning. By cleaning regularly with the most appropriate products, everyday dirt and soil will be less likely to adhere to floors, fixtures and other surfaces.

Also, cleaning professionals should be mindful of the different types of environments they are working in. For instance, restrooms in a locker room require extra attention to hard water and mineral deposits than restrooms in an office building.