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# **Cleaning for Health with PCS**

In the past, people have been cleaning for appearances - if you see dirt on the floor, you remove it. Twenty-first century diseases like SARS, the Avian Flu and, most recently, H1N1 have made it more important to clean for health not just appearance. The dirt you see makes you mad. The dirt you do not see makes you sick. The environmental impact cleaning products have on the world have also recently effected the way people clean. Moving into a new decade the question now becomes how to clean for health and reduce our carbon footprint.

Most cleaning detergents are made of surfactants. Surfactants are wetting agents that lower the surface tension of a liquid, allowing easier spreading and lower the interfacial tension between two liquids. Surfactants boost cleaning but there are a number of problems with using them:

1) They work against microfibre. Surfactants become a lubricant between the microfibre and the surface reducing its effectiveness









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2) Surfactants cause microbial resistance

3) They have a negative environmental impact: Surfactants are synthetic material made from petrochemicals, producing large amounts of waste and increasing hypersensitivity (allergies and asthma)

4) Overuse causes re-soiling which leaves a residue on surfaces 5) Surfactants in disinfectants kill both good and bad bacteria.

Process Cleaning Solutions (PCS) has developed cleaning products that clean for health and reduce environmental impact. PCS is interested in protecting public health. the environment and stopping microbial resistance. They have created PCS MicroClean - an alternative to traditional cleaning products that is safe and environmentally friendly. PCS MicroClean is the green way to achieve disinfectant results without toxic chemicals. PCS MicroClean is made from citric acid, baking soda (pulled from seabeds) and lactic acid. Created to enhance

the cleaning power of microfibre cloths, PCS MicroClean contains no surfactants or synthetic chemicals, is non hazardous and not controlled under WHMIS. When used with microfibre cloths, PCS MicroClean enhances the removal of organic soils including micro organisms to very low levels and extends the life of the microfibre cloths. Key points: • One dilution for most cleaning tasks (1 part cleaner to 256 parts water)

Always follow your institution's policy and procedures for cleaning
Use a PCS validated laundering or conditioning process to ensure microfibre cloths maintain optimum performance.

# Using PCS MicroClean yields the following benefits:

• Enhanced cleaning of environmental surfaces in health care, schools, universities and for professional service providers, without the use of disinfectants or hazardous chemicals. When used as directed Process MicroClean leaves no chemical residue that is incompatible with commonly used disinfectants

Enhanced cleaning insures that environmental surfaces are safe
Economical and convenient one simple dilution for most daily cleaning tasks including floor cleaning.

For more information visit www.processcleaningsolutions.com



**PCS Systems** Bringing Science to the Art of Cleaning<sup>™</sup>



PCS products contain no volatile ingredients, only natural ingredients and have no added scents. They are used with processes that effectively remove organic contamination from the building environment without depositing toxic chemical residues. PCS is committed to producing cleaning products that do not add chemical contamination to either the indoor or outdoor environment.

For more information contact your Wesclean rep toll free 1-888-337-2929 or visit www.wesclean.com



# **New Partner**



For over 65 years, the Deb Group has been establishing skin care regimes for all types of workplace and public environments, spanning industrial, commercial, healthcare and food sectors. Drawing on deep technical expertise and extensive field sales support, Deb provides employers with innovative skin care programs that maximize employee participation through carefully devised, reliable skin care systems, supported by quality products that are both pleasant-to-use and cost effective.

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ProLine<sup>™</sup> range of skin care products includes: Debonaire<sup>™</sup> Foaming Skin Cleanser, Debba<sup>™</sup> Protective Skin Cream, InstantFoam<sup>™</sup> hand sanitizer and Naturelle<sup>™</sup> EcoFoam Soap.

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**Protect:** Pre-work creams to help protect the skin against contact with various workplace contaminants and working environments.

Cleanse: Using the appropriate cleansers to ensure hands are physically clean.

Sanitize: Providing effective skin disinfection after potential contamination with harmful germs.

**Restore:** After-work reconditioning creams help to maintain the skin in healthy condition by keeping the skin soft and supple.

## Wesclean Tip: How to deal with tracked-in slush & snow

The best way to collect some of the moisture off of matting is to use a wet/dry vacuum to suck it up. Wesclean suggests the WV570 or WV800 canister vacuums from NaceCare Solutions. Both have enough suction to take most of the moisture out of your matting. If you require additional agitation, then you may consider an Air Turbo power head. Do not use electric power heads on wet mats.

If you are in a pinch and do not have a wet/dry vacuum available, you can use your autoscrubber. Make sure to put the pad drivers up on your autoscrubber, keeping the squeegee down. Make a few passes over the matting and you should be able to suck up about 60% of the moisture. All of these pieces of equipment should help solve your problem until Mother Nature decides winter is over.

#### Need more cleaning tips and ideas? Log on to www.wesclean.com and visit the "Resources" section.



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