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GREEN SPACE



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INTRODUCTION

Buildings consume large amounts of resources and generate large amounts of waste in their daily operations. The Town's objective is to reduce those amounts to the lowest reasonable level. The objective of green cleaning is to reduce the exposure of building occupants and maintenance personnel to potentially hazardous chemical, biological and particulate contaminants.

GLASTONBURY'S SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Glastonbury has taken the initiative to implement a variety of sustainable practices in the operation and management of our buildings. These practices include reducing the consumption of resources through sustainable purchasing practices and building retrofits, increasing the percentage of waste that is recycled, and implementing a green cleaning policy that minimizes the effect of cleaning practices on building occupants.

Representative of practices put in place to reduce the consumption of resources are:

- ☞ purchasing office products, such as paper, that include recycled content;
- ☞ purchasing custodial products, such as paper towels and trash can liners, that include recycled content; and
- ☞ installing automatic flushometers on bathroom fixtures and automatic faucet valves on hand sinks to reduce the amount of water consumed.

Practices in place to increase the amount of waste that is recycled include:

- ☞ recycling of white paper (office stationery, junk mail, newspapers, etc.) and cardboard waste generated in our buildings;
- ☞ recycling of metal, glass, and plastic drink containers generated in our buildings; and
- ☞ purchasing of low mercury content fluorescent tubes and recycling of all fluorescent tubes used in our lighting fixtures.





Some of the measures included in our green cleaning policy include:

- ✧ purchasing of floor cleaning equipment (vacuums and carpet cleaners) approved by the Carpet and Rug Institute to reduce the noise level of equipment, the amount of dust generated, and the amount of water used to clean carpets;
- ✧ purchasing, to the maximum extent practical, low impact cleaning products that have earned the appropriate Green Seal or Environmental Choice certification, as applicable; and
- ✧ scheduling of major cleaning events outside of high occupancy and customer activity times and periods.

Our building maintenance and operations staff continues to research and apply, as applicable, best practices with respect to Town facilities to reduce the impact of our activities on building occupants, customers and staff.

GLASTONBURY'S GREEN INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Glastonbury's Green Initiatives program operates under the direction of the Town Manager. The committee is chaired by the Purchasing Agent and the Superintendent of Sanitation. Committee members from across Town departments participate and contribute ideas and suggestions committed to a "greener" community.

The committee assembles information about products and services and makes the information available to specific departments that can evaluate them and develop applications in Town projects with the approval of the Town Manager.

These "Go-Green" bulletins contain information about the results of product evaluations and other accomplishments of Town departments. We hope this information can provide you insight to the Town's green initiatives and also lead others in the community to find ways to use environmentally preferable products. Please contact us if we can help you with further information or if you have additional suggestions. ■

