

TITLE: GREEN HOUSEKEEPING

POLICY STATEMENT:

Red Deer College (RDC) strives to achieve a healthy and clean environment by using products and cleaning methods that cause less toxic pollution and waste, conserve resources, habitats, and minimize global warming and ozone depletion.

PURPOSE:

The intent of the Green Housekeeping Policy is to provide superior indoor air quality in the College through the use of low volatile organic compound cleaning products. Maintaining good indoor air quality provides a healthier environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors to the College. Environmentally friendly cleaning products are less toxic and therefore fewer harmful chemicals are discharged to our sewer systems and the water bodies to which our sewer effluent is discharged.

SCOPE:

This policy covers all RDC Campuses.

PRINCIPLES:

1. RDC is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability.
2. Green housekeeping practices and products are chosen to safeguard human health and the environment.

GUIDELINES:

1. All cleaning products used on RDC campuses carry the Green Seal (GS-37) or Ecologo Certification.
2. The RDC officer responsible for the College cleaning contract ensures that green housekeeping procedures are maintained and followed through routine quality assurance walk-throughs that monitor the cleanliness of the College.
3. The RDC officer responsible for the College cleaning contract ensures that the contractor provides a training program for custodial staff to educate them on the background and use of environmentally friendly cleaning products and safety training.

PROCEDURE:

Campus Management develops and maintains a manual for green housekeeping practices at RDC and provides the manual to cleaning contractors and staff. The manual includes information on:

- Approved and prohibited cleaning products
- Safety procedures for the use of cleaning products
- Appropriate cleaning practices
- Storage of cleaning products
- MSDS information sheets

OFFICER RESPONSIBLE: Vice President College Services

RECOMMENDING AUTHORITY: Service Council

CONSULTATION FOR REVIEW: Occupational Health and Safety Committee, Director of Facilities

POLICY REVIEW DATE: February 1, 2016

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2011

REVISION HISTORY:

RELATED POLICIES:

- Occupational Health and Safety

CONNECTION TO BOARD POLICIES:

All RDC policies support relevant Board of Governors operational policies.