

# What's New Newsletter?

*Myers Supply & Chemical  
Is Celebrating Its 50th Year.*

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As a family owned, distributor of quality cleaning products we appreciate the cleaning challenges that our customers face on a daily basis. We are constantly adding innovative product systems supported by a professional sales team and outstanding training materials to insure our customers' success. Our experienced chemical and technical staff find new ways to make cleaning and sanitation easier and safer.

With vast resources and our Hot Springs and Little Rock facilities, Myers Supply is in a position to supply Arkansas with the finest cleaning products at competitive prices. Since 1955 the success of Myers Supply has been the direct result of our philosophy of developing and nurturing long term business partnerships with our customers. Together we have built a first class organization and will continue to build upon our relationships for mutual success.

## Mulberry Magic Is Here

Neutral Multi-Purpose Cleaner uses a careful blend of high and low pH surfactants, emulsifiers and wetting agents to accomplish a neutral multi-purpose cleaner. It will clean oil, grease, grime, dirt, inks and most other soils. Will not harm any surface which is unaffected by water, including tile, terrazzo, porcelain, marble, concrete, enamel and metal. Will not remove or harm floor finishes. Fresh Mulberry fragrance. Available in 4/1 gallon cases.



## Aerosol Air Sanitizers

Oziol - The best way to clean the air. Oziol, the original air sanitizer, is a mechanical and chemical system that actually eliminates smoke and unpleasant odors and reduces airborne bacteria.

- Oziol actually cleanses the air through glycolized action Glycolized formula acts directly on odor causing particles in the air.
- Available in for sizes - 500, 1500, 3000 (for metered dispenser) and 7000 for different air sanitizing needs.
- Oziol is an EPA registered air sanitizer. It is distinguished from other products that simply mask odors.

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## Chrome Classic Dispenser



Sophistication meets reliability

The TM Chrome Classic dispenser is a reliable automatic metered dispenser. It provides maximum odor control at a minimum cost.

- 5-year guarantee is good for a worry-free experience
- 15-min spray setting means continuous fragrance
- Accepts TM full line of fragrance refills
- Hinges reinforced to stronger and more durable
- Sleek new chrome design is built to last
- Basic on/off control
- Goes perfect in any upscale office or washroom

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## OSHA Republishes Recordkeeping Policies and Procedures Manual



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued OSHA Instruction Directive Number CPL 02-00-135, reintroducing the updated OSHA Recordkeeping Policies and Procedures Manual and announcing the availability of a number of new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Both the Manual and the FAQ are specifically designed to assist companies in meeting their occupational injury and illness recordkeeping obligations.

The Manual was originally published in January 2001, in conjunction with the adoption of the new OSHA recordkeeping requirements for work related injuries and illnesses. Divided into five sections, the Manual was issued to offer "enforcement guidance" for the then brand new injury and illness recordkeeping rule.

The Manual has now been updated and is, therefore, being officially reintroduced. Most significantly, a number of frequently asked questions have been added to the existing FAQs in Chapter 5. Included in the newly added FAQs:

- An explanation of what qualifies as a "company parking lot" and, therefore, part of the employer's establishment.
- An explanation that injuries and illnesses that occur in the work environment before an employee has "clocked in" or after an employee has "clocked out" are considered work-related.
- A clarification that an employer can determine which opinion is more authoritative in a case where two conflicting medical opinions are given regarding whether medical treatment, days away from work or restricted work activity is necessary. However, once medical treatment is provided or work activity is restricted the injury or illness is automatically recordable.
- A statement that chipped or broken teeth is a significant injury.
- A clarification that minor musculoskeletal discomfort is not recordable, even if the employee is assigned to restricted work activity, as long as: (1) a health care professional determines that the employee is fully able to perform his routine job functions; and (2) the employer assigns the work restriction for the purpose of preventing a more serious condition from developing.
- An explanation regarding how each injury should be recorded when an employee is assigned restricted work activity as a result of one injury and is then injured while performing restricted work activity.

More information on the OSHA recordkeeping requirements for work related injuries and illnesses is available at <http://www.issa.com/legislative/injuryillness.pdf> or at <http://www.osha.gov>

## Update Your MSDS

Have you ever taken a deep breath of noxious fumes while cleaning and thought, "How many brain cells did I just kill?"

The truth is, different cleaning products can enter your body through a variety of avenues and affect your health in at least as many ways — or not at all. Some absorb through the skin; some enter by inhalation. Some can affect your internal organs; others can cause headaches or nausea; some are merely external irritants. Many are naturally more dastardly if accidentally swallowed.

What you may not know is that not all of this information is necessarily on the label. Manufacturers do often publish it, however, in the form of a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). You can write to a product's maker to obtain the MSDS.

That would be the slow way.

The fast way is to look up your product on the Web at the [www.MyersSupply.com](http://www.MyersSupply.com) Products Database. The site has already compiled information from the MSDS, product labels and manufacturer Web sites for more than 1,000 products.

In addition to health data, you may also find first aid information or instructions for handling, such as recommended use of gloves or how to dispose of the bottle when it is empty.

For your peace of mind, take a few minutes to make a list of the products under your sink and on the shelf. Then go on a virtual tour of the Myers Products Database to discover the not-so-obvious traits of your cleaning supplies.

## Green Seal to Certify Cleaning Services

Cleaning companies committed to a green cleaning program will soon be able to apply to become Green Seal certified, according to Arthur Weissman, president and CEO of Washington, D.C.-based Green Seal.



The Green Seal standard will certify cleaning services as opposed to products, said Weissman.

Upon completion of the standard, estimated to be within 6-9 months of obtaining the necessary funding, cleaning services, both commercial and residential, which apply for certification and meet the standard will be able to get "Green Seal certified."

The benefits don't stop there. According to Weissman: "An environmental standard for cleaning services will have a number of other beneficial outcomes:"

- Provide a benchmark for service providers to use to green their offering;
- Provide criteria for institutional purchasers to use in specifications;
- Provide the basis for a certification program for purchasers, both institutional and residential;
- Complete the suite of Green Seal environmental standards in the janitorial/custodial area;
- Drive the market to greener cleaning services, including the chemicals, products, and equipment used.

Green Seal is seeking five sponsors to provide the funding necessary for developing and finalizing the standard's environmental criteria.

Initial sponsors will contribute \$10,000 each toward development of the standard.

"In appropriate places in Green Seal's marketing and communications materials and vehicles, sponsors will be identified as having contributed to the development of this standard. In addition, all sponsors will be designated as lifetime members of the Green Seal Environmental Partners Program. Sponsors will also be able to reference their contributions in their marketing materials as well as in corporate environmental or annual reports. Lastly, funding in support of this standard can be considered a tax-deductible contribution," said Weissman.

Like all other stakeholders in Green Seal's open process of standard development, sponsors will have the opportunity to provide input on the standard.

Initial sponsors will be sought from among a variety of sectors of the cleaning industry, but, to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, cleaning service companies, which could be certified under the standard, will not be able to sponsor the standard.



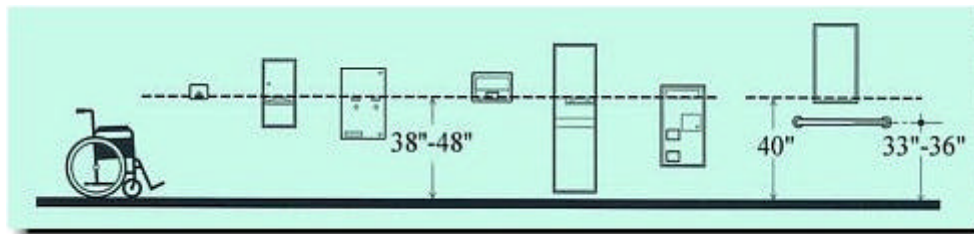
### Power Stick - 4 Tools In One

**Scuff Eraser, Finish Stripper, Scrubber, Applicator**

A "3x5" weighted wedge shaped block attached to a 54" fiberglass handle. The head is equipped with special clamps to hold different, specially designed cleaning pads. The weighted wedged shaped design focuses pressure to make easy work of the task at hand.



## ADA Americans With Disabilities Act



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With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), washroom facilities in the USA must be designed to accommodate people with disabilities and meet ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), as well as meet specific requirements of local building codes

Mounting height requirements of accessories may vary within a facility depending on location of individual accessories and the direction of reach required for their use. As a general guideline, accessories should be mounted so the operating features are 38" to 48" (965-1220mm) above the finish floor to allow forward reach by people in wheelchairs (consult local building codes for specific requirements).

Recommended guidelines are given that meet or exceed ADAAG requirements. For help in designing barrier-free washrooms, request Bobrick's Barrier-Free Washroom Planning Guide and Wheelchair Maneuverability Drawing Template. For additional assistance, contact your local Myers/Bohrick Architectural Representative. Always consult ADAAG and local building codes for regulations in your area.

### SOAP DISPENSERS

Push buttons and pistons should be operable with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. Activation of soap valves should not require more than 5 pounds of force (22.2 n). If wall-mounted units are placed over lavatories or countertops, then their push buttons should be located 44" (1120mm) maximum above the finish floor.

### PAPER TOWEL DISPENSERS

Access to paper towels should be 15" to 48" (320-1220mm) above the finish floor to allow forward and side reach by people in wheelchairs.

### WASTE RECEPTACLES

Access to receptacle openings should be 15" to 48" (380-1220mm) above the finish floor to allow forward and side reach by people in wheelchairs. Hinged panels covering waste receptacle openings should not require more than 5 pounds of force (22.2n) to open. It is recommended that units projecting more than 4" (100mm) from the wall be located in corners, alcoves, or between other protruding structural elements so as not to be a hazard to blind people or interfere with required access aisles and the 60" (1525mm) minimum diameter turning spaces for wheelchairs.

### TOILET TISSUE DISPENSERS

For universal access roll dispensers without controlled delivery are preferred. Folded-tissue dispensers are not recommended because they require a finger pinching action. Standard toilet tissue rolls should be mounted with their forward edge no more than 36" (915mm) from the back wall and their horizontal centerline at least 19" (485mm) above the finish floor.

### WARM-AIR HAND DRYERS

Start buttons should be operable with one hand and with no more than 5 pounds of force (22.2n), and they should protrude and be a contrasting color from surrounding material so visually impaired people can see them well and blind people can feel them easily. Otherwise, provide automatic dryers with no-touch operation. When a single dryer is installed in a washroom, it is recommended that the start button be located 38" to 40" (965-1220mm) above the finished floor, with at least: 30" x 48" (760 x 1220mm) of clear floor space centered in front of the unit to allow both left-handed and right-handed wheelchair approaches. When two or more dryers are installed, mount one dryer so its start button is 38" to 40" (965-1220mm) above the finish floor and locate others at 41" to 48" (1040-1220mm), and alternate left-handed and right-handed wheelchair approaches.

### SOAP DISHES

It is recommended that soap dishes in all bathing facilities be recessed and placed on the same wall as the shower head and controls where they are least likely to collect standing water. It is recommended that they are mounted 38" to 48" (965-1220mm) above the finish floor, or they should be mounted between the grab bar and the rim of bathtubs.

**COMBINATION TOWEL AND WASTE UNITS**

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**SANITARY NAPKIN/TAMPON VENDORS**

Buttons and knobs should be operable with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. Operation of pull knobs should not require more than 5 pounds of force (22.2n).

**SHOWER SEATS**

L-shaped folding shower seats are required in accessible 36" x 36" (915 x 915mm) shower stalls. They should be mounted on the wall opposite controls with top surface of seat 17" to 19" (430-485mm) above the finish floor. Seat should have no more than 1 ½" (40mm) clearance from walls and should extend the depth of shower stall, allowing space for shower curtain at front of stall. Wide section of L-shaped seat should project no more than 23" (585mm) from wall; the narrow section, no more than 16" (405mm) from wall. If shower seat is provided in 30" x 60" (760 x 1525mm) min. shower stall, it should be folding type and mounted on the wall adjacent to controls. Structural strength of shower seats and their mounting devices should withstand more than 250 pounds of force (1112 N).

**SHOWER CURTAINS**

All types of shower installations designed for wheelchair users are generally more accessible when shower curtains are used as enclosures. If other types of enclosures are used, they should fold back completely out of the way so as not to obstruct transfer to shower seats or interfere with controls, and they should not incorporate a track along the rim of bathtubs.

**PARTITION-MOUNTED ACCESSORIES**

Recessed combination units are recommended for sidewalks or partitions with grab bars. Toilet tissue dispensers should not be control delivery, and the tissue rolls should be located so their forward edge is no more than 36" (915mm) from the back wall and their horizontal centerline is at least 19" (485mm) above the finished floor. Sanitary napkin disposals are recommended for all women's toilet compartments mounted below grab bars and within reach from a sitting position. Access to seat covers should be 19" to 48" (485-1220mm) above the finish floor. Surface-mounted accessories should not be mounted above grab bars.

**MEDICINE CABINETS**

Units should be mounted so the bottom edge of the reflective surface is no higher than 40" (1015mm) above the finish floor and at least one accessible shelf is no higher than 44" (1120mm) above the finish floor.

**GRAB BARS**

All accessible bathing facilities require grab bars installed to meet ADAAG specifications. Diameter of grab bars should be 1 ¼" to 1 ½" (30-40mm) with 1 ½" (40mm) clearance from the wall. Grab bars should not rotate in their fittings. The required mounting height is universally 33" to 36" (840-915mm) from the centerline of the grab bar to the finish floor. Structural strength of grab bars and their mounting devices should withstand more than 250 pounds of force (1112 N).

**MIRRORS.**

Bottom edge of reflective surface should be mounted no higher than 40" (1015mm) above the finish floor. A single full-length mirror is recommended in each washroom because it is universally usable.

**MIRRORED MULTIPURPOSE UNITS**

These combination units can be helpful to people with disabilities by conveniently locating several accessories next to an accessible lavatory. The bottom edge of the reflective surface should be located 40" (1015mm) maximum above the finished floor. The soap dispenser should be operable with less than 5 pounds of force (22.2n).



More information on the Americans with Disabilities Act is at [www.ADA.gov](http://www.ADA.gov)



## Winning the Battle of the Bowl



It's time to clean the toilet bowl again in that never-ending war against germs and unsightly porcelain. How can we win the battle in a few simple steps?

**Take the plunge:** Use a toilet plunger or a toilet bowl swab or brush to push excess water out of the toilet bowl. At a minimum, water should be pushed below the visible water line. Why? When you apply toilet bowl cleaner, if there is excess water in the bowl, the chemical will become diluted and will not remove deposits as well.

**Baste the bowl:** Apply bowl cleaner under the rim, around the entire bowl, and allow the chemical to flow down and coat the sides. Some bowl cleaners come in a bottle with a "flip top" that allows you to easily apply the chemical under the rim. Do not pour bowl cleaner directly into the water because this will dilute it and reduce its effectiveness.

**Give the bowl time:** Toilet bowl cleaning chemicals (regardless of what much advertising would indicate) do not work instantly; they take a few minutes. Leave the bowl cleaner in the bowl while cleaning the sink, emptying the trash or cleaning the mirrors, and then go back and finish.

**Now mix the contents:** Using your toilet bowl brush or swab, agitate the bowl cleaner from the top of the bowl, under the rim, and work down to the throat.

These four easy steps will help you to conquer the toilet bowl in minimum time.

By Alan and Linda Bigger

## Vacuum Not Working as Well as It Should?



Not the quiet, efficient cleaning machine it ought to be, many times a vacuum will blow dust in your face and refuse to pick up things you think it should. How do you tame your vacuum so that it works for instead of against you?

**The answer is in the bag:** The effectiveness of most vacuum cleaners decreases dramatically if their dirt and dust collection unit is over half full. The vacuum can no longer breathe because of the dirt! Empty the bag or collection unit at half full. This simple step may save the life of the motor as well.

**Belt up:** Belts, in the great scheme of things, are incredibly inexpensive. There is no need to use belts that are cracked, too loose, have moved off the drive capstan, etc. Check them once a week and replace as necessary. Always keep a few spares on hand. One guarantee in life is when you need to vacuum the most, the belt will break. For instructions on how to change the

belts, refer to the owner's manual.

**Adjust to the situation:** Many vacuums have adjustment knobs or levers that allow you to change the cleaning height of the beater bar (often fitted with brushes) on the vacuum. Adjust the beater bar to match the type of flooring being cleaned. If in doubt, refer to the vacuum cleaner's instruction guide.

**Brush up your brushes:** Hair brushes do not work well when they are clogged with hair and lint. Likewise, vacuum brushes do not work as well when they are plugged up with hair, lint, ribbons, string or even carpet fibers. Clean the brushes on a regular basis.

These few suggestions should enable your vacuum cleaner not only to work more efficiently but also to last longer. For additional advice, read the instructions that came with the vacuum cleaner.

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