

University of New Hampshire
IN-HOUSE & UGL-UNICCO
 Departments of Housekeeping

“One Small Step For Man, One Giant Leap For Mankind”

Neil Armstrong, First Man on the Moon, 1969

| Eco Changes Made | |
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| New Recycling Systems Increased Recycling | |
| Chemical Reduction & Eco Friendly Chemical | |
| Eco Friendly Hand Soap & Hand Dryers | |
| Equipment Changes Chemical-Free Stripping | |
| Improved IAQ: Incorporated Micro Fiber | |
| Reduction in Plastics | |
| Changes in Procedures | |



These very same historical words can now be uttered from the lips of every housekeeper at UNH.

The UNH Departments of Housekeeping have been making positive incremental changes in their approach to cleaning. These changes have developed into a full fledged “Cleaning With Respect for the Environment & People” program.



In October 2007, one of the department’s business partners, Clean-O-Rama, presented “Green Cleaning: An Overview for Planning and Implementation” to the entire staff. This program was the department’s launch pad to green cleaning: an approach to

cleaning that will positively impact the overall cleanliness of the building, and the safety of building occupants, workers and the surrounding community.

A housekeeping Green Committee was formed and volunteer team members held their first meeting in November 2007. The first meeting was exciting and led to an annual calendar of monthly meetings and a list of department goals that included: standardizing chemicals, reducing chemicals, replacing harsh chemicals with environmentally friendly chemicals, stopping the use of bleach, and reducing waste of toilet paper and soap containers.

This new “green” approach had wheels and it wasn’t

stopping. As progress was made and documented, the goals were revisited and more were added to the list. New volunteer members joined the Committee and the positive impact was being felt by everyone, from the students, the faculty, the Office of Sustainability and the front-line workers themselves.

The committee now meets bi-monthly and continues to focus on the goals at hand to ensure and environmentally friendly clean campus for living and learning.

learning capabilities of students. To learn more about our approach and for a list of detailed progress contact us at the UNH Housekeeping Dept., 862-2920 or UGL-Unnicco @ www.ugl.unicco.com

UNH Department of Housekeeping is helping to provide a healthy environment for students and staff, while promoting ecological sustainability, by using alternatives to toxic chemicals, pursuing green building practices and by teaching students to be stewards in their UNH community.

Now More Than Ever,

We need to revisit the cleaning methods, products and tools used to maintain our buildings. Implementing a successful eco-friendly program helps to ensure worker, student, faculty and environmental safety. An environmentally

friendly cleaning program is key not only to our future, but to those of generations to come. Creating such a healthy environment provides not only for improved levels of cleanliness, but also for improved indoor air quality which attributes to increased

