



Alcohol-based hand sanitizers included in LEED-EB Prerequisite

Commonly asked questions regarding LEED-EB.

What is LEED?

LEED is an acronym for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED is the Green Building Rating System™ developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit organization committed to expanding sustainable building practices. The USGBC mission is to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work.

According to the USGBC “Green Building Facts” published in February 2008:

- Nearly 3.2 billion square feet of commercial building space is certified or in the process of being certified with the LEED Green Building Rating System.
- By 2010, approximately 10% of commercial construction starts are expected to be green, according to McGraw Hill Green Building Smart Market Report 2006.

To date, there are over 10,000 registered and certified LEED projects in all 50 states and 41 countries.

How does LEED work?

LEED rating systems exist for the following categories: New Construction, Commercial Interiors, Existing Buildings, Core and Shell, Schools, Retail, Healthcare, Homes and Neighborhood Development. Each rating system outlines prerequisites which are required for certification and optional criteria a building can meet to earn credits for certification. A building can obtain LEED certification for a silver, gold or platinum rating based on the number of credits acquired within the given rating system.

What is LEED-EB?

LEED-EB is the term used to describe LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance. The LEED-EB rating system is the nationally accepted benchmark for building owners and operators to measure operations, improvements and maintenance.

Why is LEED-EB important?

Architects, real estate professionals, facility managers, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, construction managers, lenders and government officials use the LEED-EB rating system to help maximize the operational efficiency of buildings while minimizing the environmental impacts.

Commonly asked questions regarding LEED (cont'd)

How is hand hygiene included in LEED-EB?

The USGBC recently revised the LEED-EB rating system. LEED-EB now includes a prerequisite for green cleaning. This means a building is required to have a green cleaning policy addressing effective cleaning with a focus on improving occupant health.

The LEED-EB Green Cleaning prerequisite requires the development of "strategies for promoting and improving hand hygiene, including both hand washing and the use of alcohol-based waterless hand sanitizers."

Do hand hygiene products help customers earn LEED-EB certification?

Buying hand hygiene products alone will not help customers meet LEED-EB certification. A written hand hygiene strategy is one of several green cleaning requirements necessary to earn the certification.

What hand hygiene products need to be included in the written hand hygiene strategy?

The LEED-EB hand hygiene requirement must address handwashing and the use of alcohol-based waterless hand sanitizers. It is the ideal opportunity to incorporate both GOJO® Green Certified Foam Hand Cleaner or GOJO Green Certified Lotion Hand Cleaner and PURELL® Instant Hand Sanitizer as part of your green cleaning solution.

Who should I contact if I need additional information?

For more information about GOJO and PURELL Products and the GOJO GREEN HYGIENE™ Solution for Green Buildings contact the GOJO Customer Information Center at 1-800-321-9647 or visit www.GOJO.com

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