

# RESILIENT FLOOR CARE TRAINING GUIDE



### Introduction to Resilient Floor Care

Proper maintenance of resilient floors with floor finish or sealer protects the floor surface from deterioration. The resulting clean, shiny floors also project a positive image for your facility.

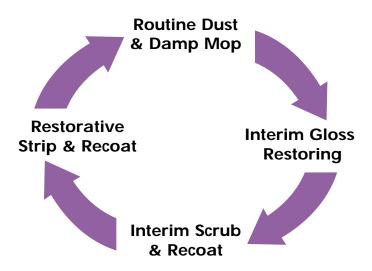
Purchasing our high-quality floor care products alone cannot ensure great-looking floors. Proper procedures must be used to maintain the floors. The procedures in this Training Guide, if correctly followed, will allow you to achieve the protection and appearance level you want for your facility while minimizing labor.



# Acceptable Level of Floor Appearance

Ideally resilient floors should be clean and glossy, and free of marks, foreign matter and visible traffic lanes. We call this the Standard of Cleanliness. The Acceptable Level of Appearance is the degree to which a facility is expected to meet this standard as directed by the highest level of the facility's management.

#### **Hard Floor Care Life Cycle**



Maintaining resilient floors is a continuous cycle of the four different procedures shown above. Since stripping is the most costly method of floor maintenance, it should be avoided until absolutely necessary. Start with the lowest cost maintenance procedures and the least amount of labor and work up to the more costly. When doing a step no longer achieves the Acceptable Level of Appearance,





go to the next step. By doing the lowest cost procedures regularly and often, you will reduce your overall maintenance costs and achieve the goal of maintaining the Acceptable Level of Appearance.



# Tools, Accessories and Equipment

From safety equipment, mops, dust pans, caution signs, measuring cups, dilution control systems, to floor machines, wet/dry vacuums, autoscrubbers and more, WAXIE offers a complete line of all the tools, accessories and equipment that you will need to perform the resilient floor maintenance procedures discussed in this Guide.



#### On Preventive Maintenance

The greatest damage to finished floors comes from abrasive soils that are tracked into a facility. In fact, nearly 80% of dirt, grime and dust in a building is tracked in from the outside on people's shoes. Stop it before it enters the building by removing it from footwear with walk-off mats. A matting system designed for your facility is essential for preventing this soil from entering the facility and being worn into floors.

Contact your WAXIE Sanitary Maintenance Consultant for floor care product, matting, tool and equipment recommendations plus additional information.



#### **Standards of Cleanliness**

Floors – Should be clean and glossy and free of marks, foreign matter and visible traffic lanes



### Preventive Resilient Floor Maintenance Procedure

#### **Cleaning Procedure**



# 1. Use Appropriate Matting System

- Remove dirt and grit with an external "scraper" mat
- Remove additional dirt and

some water with an indoor mat

- Final removal of water can be achieved with an additional mat as required
- Walk-off mats should allow for foot traffic to take a minimum of two (2) steps on the mat

# Routine Resilient Floor Maintenance Dust and Damp Mop Procedures

#### **Assemble Materials**

#### **Tools**

Safety Glasses/Goggles
Gloves
Wet Floor Signs
Dust Mop, Handle and
Frame
Bucket and Wringer and
Cotton-Blend Mop and
Handle; or Fast Glide
Mopping System; or

Autoscrubber

Measuring Cup (unless

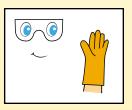
using dilution control)

Scraper or Putty Knife
Dust Pan
Broom or Counter Brush

#### Chemicals

Dust Mop Treatment (optional) Neutral Cleaner or Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner Neutralizer/Conditioner

#### **Cleaning Procedure**



# 1. Use Appropriate Safety Equipment

- Put on safety glasses/goggles when using chemicals
- Put on gloves when working with chemicals

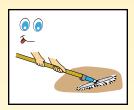


2. Assemble Equipment



#### 3. Prepare Area

- Remove trash cans/all movable objects
- Stack chairs
- Mop up liquid spills
- Sweep out corners and crevices with broom or counter brush
- Use a putty knife or scraper to remove gum



#### 4. Dust Mop Floor

- Pick up soil with dust pan
- Dispose of soil



#### 5. Mix Neutral Cleaner or Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner Solution

Neutral cleaner requires

no rinsing (heavier soils may require a **general- purpose cleaner** and rinsing)



# 6. Place Wet Floor Signs

 Put Wet Floor signs at all entrances



#### 7. Damp Mop

- Damp mop daily or as often as required
- Change cleaning solution when it becomes cloudy



# 8. Autoscrubbing vs. Mopping

 Consider using an autoscrubber to save labor if the area to be cleaned is 5,000 square feet or more



# 9. Remove Wet Floor Signs When Floor is Completely Dry



#### 10. Inspect Your Work

- Replace any furniture, etc. that you moved
- Look to see that work has been accomplished
- Report concerns and preventive maintenance needs to your supervisor



#### 11. Clean Up Equipment

- Clean dust mop by vacuuming or shaking out dirt
- Apply and allow dust mop

treatment to cure on mop head, if applicable

- Rinse out wet mop head using neutralizer/ conditioner several times if necessary
- Empty and rinse out mop bucket, Fast Glide Mopping System, or autoscrubber
- Turn mop bucket upside down in mop sink to dry
- Return supplies to storage area

OR,



### Interim Resilient Floor Maintenance Gloss Restoring Procedure

#### **Assemble Materials**

#### **Tools**

175-300 RPM Floor Machine or 1500 or more RPM Burnisher Pad Driver Appropriate Floor Pad for spray buffing or burnishing **Dust Pan Broom or Counter Brush** Safety Glasses/Goggles Gloves Wet Floor Signs Dust Mop, Handle and Frame Bucket and Wringer and Cotton-Blend Mop; or Fast Glide Mopping System; or Autoscrubber

Finish Mop (if using restorer without an autoscrubber)
Mop Handle(s)
Scraper or Putty Knife Measuring Cup (if not using dilution control)
Clear Plastic Trash Liner and Mop Bucket and Wringer (if using restorer without autoscrubber)

#### Chemicals

(optional)
Neutral Cleaner or
Neutral Disinfectant
Cleaner
Spray Buff or Restorer
Neutralizer/Conditioner

**Dust Mop Treatment** 

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### 2. Inspect Floor Condition

- Good clean finish restore shine
- Dirty finish go directly to scrub and recoat
- Worn finish go directly to strip and recoat



#### 3. Spray Buff Floor

- Use 175-300 RPM floor machine
- Install clean spray buffing pad, typically red, but use

white pad for very soft finishes or less aggressiveness

- Lightly mist **spray buff** in a 50-100 sq. ft. area
- Flip or replace spray buffing pads when soiled
- Dust mop again, if necessary

#### OR,



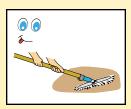
#### 4. Burnish Floor

- Use 1500 or more RPM burnisher
- Place restorer (diluted per label instructions) in mop

bucket that has been lined with a clean, clear plastic trash liner or dilute restorer in autoscrubber to be applied with red pad(s)

- Mop on or apply restorer with autoscrubber and let dry
- Match burnishing pad to restorer, finish and equipment (ask your WAXIE Sanitary Maintenance Consultant to recommend the right pad for your system)
- Install clean pad on burnisher
- Burnish floor
- Dust mop again, if necessary

#### **Cleaning Procedure**



Rayon, Rayon-Blend or

#### 1. Dust Mop and Damp Mop or Autoscrub Floor Surface

Follow Routine Resilient
 Floor Maintenance steps 1-8



#### 5. Remove Wet Floor Signs When You Are Finished and Floor is **Completely Dry**



#### 6. Inspect Your Work

- Replace any furniture, etc. that you moved
- Look to see that work has been completed
- Report concerns and preventive maintenance needs to your supervisor



#### 7. Clean Up **Equipment**

- Clean dust mop by vacuuming or shaking out dirt
- Apply and allow dust

mop treatment to cure on mop head, if applicable

- Rinse out wet mop(s) using neutralizer/conditioner several times if necessary
- Empty and rinse out mop bucket or Fast Glide Mopping System
- Turn mop bucket upside down in mop sink to dry
- Return supplies to storage area
- Wipe down floor machine
- Wipe down cord of floor machine
- Clean or replace burnishing pad and leave on machine
- Remove spray buffing pad and rinse or clean as needed, air dry
- Remove pad driver from 175-300 RPM floor machine and hang it on the machine's handle or a hook
- Empty and rinse out autoscrubber and clean squeegee and pad(s), if used

#### **Spray Buff**



#### Spotlight

Ready-to-use spray buff for 175-1500 RPM procedures

#### **Restorers**



#### **Encore**

Cleaner and restorer for 1500 RPM or more programs



Restorer for deep scratches for 1500 RPM or more programs



900 Finish Restorer

**Dilution** 

Cleaner and restorer for 1500 RPM or more programs

#### Magic Gel

Burnishing compound gel cleans and polishes at 1500 RPM or more



#### **Dust Mop Treatments**



#### **Magnet Aerosol**

Water-based dust mop treatment

#### **Dust Mop Treatment**

Oil-based liquid in gallons





# Interim Resilient Floor Maintenance Scrub & Recoat Procedure

#### **Assemble Materials**

#### **Tools**

Measuring Cup (if not using dilution control) Walk-Off Mat (place next to work area to keep adjacent/transition area clean & dry) Non-Marking Tape (to protect doorways and edges) Wipers/Rags Floor Dam, Stripper Stopper, etc. (optional to prevent liquid from entering adjacent area) Broom or Counter Brush **Dust Pan** Safety Glasses/Goggles Gloves Stripping Boots Wet Floor Signs Dust Mop, Handle and Frame Mop Bucket(s) and Wringer(s) (1 or 2) Cotton-Blend Mops and Handles (2) (cleaning

solution/rinse)

Blue Floor Pad(s)

175-300 RPM Floor Machine with Pad Driver, or Autoscrubber Floor Squeegee with Handle, or Wet/Dry Vacuum with Squeegee (if not using autoscrubber) Finish Mop; or a Low-Lint Rayon or Rayon-Blend Mop and Handle; or Fast Glide Finish System Clear Plastic Trash Liner (unless using the Fast Glide Finish System) Air Mover/Floor Fan(s) 1500 or more RPM Burnisher (optional) Appropriate Floor Pad for burnishing (optional)

#### Chemicals

General-Purpose Cleaner Neutralizer/Conditioner Floor Finish Dust Mop Treatment (optional)

#### **Cleaning Procedure**



# 1. Use Appropriate Safety Equipment

- Put on safety glasses/goggles when using chemicals
- Put on gloves when working with chemicals
- Place work shoes into stripping boots to prevent slip-and fall accidents



# 2. Assemble Equipment



#### 3. Prepare Area

- Remove trash cans/all movable objects
- · Stack chairs



#### 4. Post Wet Floor Signs

 Put Wet Floor signs at all entrances



#### 5. Dust Mop

- Remove gum and/or tape
- Dispose of soil

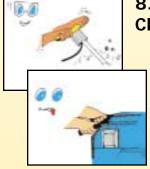


# 6. Prepare Scrub Cleaner - Adjust the Dilution Rate to Determine the Depth of Scrub

- General-purpose cleaner
   Light Dilution 1 coat
   Medium Dilution 2 coats
- Use a blue pad



# 7. Apply Cleaning Solution Liberally



# 8. Scrub Floor with Cleaning Pad



## 9. Pick Up Slurry Before it Dries

- Mop and bucket use floor squeegee
- Wet/dry vacuum with floor

squeegee and wand or front-mount squeegee

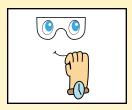
Autoscrubber (rinse at the same time)



### 10. Thoroughly Rinse Floor

- Wet mop floor with neutralizer/conditioner
- Then wet mop floor with

clean water one or more times as needed



# 11. Allow Floor to Dry



#### 12. Apply Finish

- Select the **finish** for your needs
- Use a clean finish mop or a low-lint rayon or rayon-

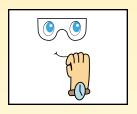
blend mop or the Fast Glide Finish System

- Presoak brand new mops in plain water and wring out well prior to use
- Use a finish mop for applying finish only, not for other mopping procedures
- Line mop bucket with a clean, clear plastic trash liner to prevent contamination of **finish** and finish buildup in the bucket; AND
- Carefully pour finish into lined bucket; do not fill more than half full; AND
- Immerse mop in **finish**, wring out bottom half,
   OR use the Fast Glide Finish System
- Never pour **finish** back into the original container (unless using the Fast Glide Finish System)
- Make sure the area you are working is a manageable size (50-100 square feet)
- Outline area by lightly applying finish in a straight line to edges and corners on every other coat. Stay away from walls on other coats by 3-9". Vary this distance for each coat to blend in finish. Use caution to avoid getting finish on baseboards, etc.
- Fill in outlined area with a figure "8" motion
- Lay finish in even, thin to medium coats
- Turn mop over to access more finish
- Apply 2 to 4 coats

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# Interim Resilient Floor Maintenance continued



#### 13. Dry Time

 Recoat 10 minutes after the entire floor is dry to the touch



# 14. Use an Air Mover/Floor Fan(s)

 Let finish dry at least 5-10 minutes then use indirect air movement for faster drying

time (direct air mover upward or away from work area) NOTE: Check for dust and loose items before using air mover.



# 15. Burnish with Floor Pad if Recommended

- Some finishes can be dry burnished for enhanced gloss (1500 RPM or more) after the last coat is dry
- Do not spray buff floor for at least 24 hours
- Dust mop again, if necessary



#### 16. Remove Wet Floor Signs When Floor is Completely Dry



#### 17. Inspect Your Work

- Replace any furniture, etc. that you moved
- Look to see that work has been accomplished
- Report concerns and preventive maintenance needs to your supervisor



#### 18. Clean Up Equipment

- Clean dust mop by vacuuming or shaking out dirt
- Apply and allow dust

mop treatment to cure on mop head, if applicable

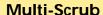
- Rinse out cleaning solution and rinse mops using neutralizer/conditioner several times if necessary
- Empty and rinse out mop bucket(s)
- Turn mop bucket(s) upside down in mop sink to dry
- Return supplies to storage area
- Wipe down floor machine
- Wipe down cord of floor machine and wet/dry vacuum
- Remove blue pad(s) and rinse or clean as needed, air dry
- Remove drive pad or brush from 175 RPM floor machine and hang it on the machine's handle or a hook
- Remove slurry from wet/dry vacuum or autoscrubber
- Rinse out wet/dry vacuum or autoscrubber and clean squeegee and exterior
- Seal up finish mop in a clear plastic bag
- Clean or replace burnishing pad and leave on machine, if used

#### **General-Purpose Cleaners**



#### **Fast Act**

All-purpose cleaner for heavy soil and scrub and recoat for low-speed floors



Low-foam cleaner/
degeaser and scrub and
recoat for high-speed floors

Dilution Control





#### 200 General Purpose Cleaner

All-purpose cleaner for heavy soil and scrub and recoat for low-speed floors

#### 100 Degreaser

Versatile cleaner and degreaser removes the heaviest of soils for deep scrubbing prior to recoating on high-speed floors



#### **Neutral Cleaners**



#### **Balance**

pH-neutral daily floor cleaner

#### 210 Neutral Cleaner



pH-neutral daily floor cleaner



#### **Neutral Disinfectant Cleaners**



#### Bulk WAXIE Neutral Disinfectant Cleaners

Kleen Pine #5 and Quat-128

# Solution Station Control Neutral Disinfectant Cleaners



700 Disinfectant Cleaner and 710 Multi-Purpose Disinfectant Cleaner

#### **Strippers**



#### W-400

Economical stripper for all finishes

# No soul

#### Re-Mov-It

Heavy-duty stripper



#### **Bombers**

Industrial strength stripper

#### **Wax Buster**

No-scrub no-rinse stripper



#### 220 Floor Stripper

Heavy-duty stripper

Dilution Control



#### **Baseboard Stripper**



#### **Edge Off Aerosol**

Baseboard cleaner and wax stripper



### Restorative Resilient Floor Maintenance Strip & Coat Procedure

#### **Assemble Materials**

#### **Tools**

Safety Glasses/Goggles Gloves Stripping Boots Wet Floor Signs Dust Mop, Handle and Frame Measuring Cup (unless

using dilution control)
Mop Bucket(s) and

Wringer(s) (1 or 2) Mop Handles (2 or 3)

Cotton-Blend Mops (2) (stripper/rinse)

Finish Mop; or a Low-Lint Rayon or Rayon-Blend Mop and Handle; or Fast Glide Finish System

Clear Plastic Trash Liner (unless using the Fast Glide Finish System)

Doodlebug Holder with Handle

Hi Pro/Brown Doodlebug Pad(s)

Wipers/Rags

Walk-Off Mat (place next to work area to keep adjacent/transition area clean and dry)

Non-Marking Tape (to protect doorways and edges)

Wet/Dry Vacuum with
Squeegee, or Floor
Squeegee with Handle
(if not using
autoscrubber)
Scraper (and Handle, if
needed)

175 RPM Floor Machine with Pad Driver, or Autoscrubber

Floor Pad(s) – Hi Pro or Black

Air Mover/Floor Fan(s)
Floor Dam, Stripper

Stopper, etc. (optional – to prevent liquid from entering adjacent area)

1500 or more RPM Burnisher (optional)

Appropriate Floor Pad for burnishing (optional)

#### Chemicals

Stripper
Baseboard Stripper
Neutralizer/Conditioner
Floor Finish
Dust Mop Treatment
(optional)
Sealer (optional –
especially needed for
old, worn tile or heavy-

traffic areas)

#### **Cleaning Procedure**



# 1. Use Appropriate Safety Equipment

- Put on safety glasses/goggles when using chemicals
- Put on gloves when working with chemicals
- Place work shoes into stripping boots to prevent slip-and-fall accidents



# 2. Assemble Equipment



#### 3. Prepare Area

- Remove trash cans/all movable objects
- · Stack chairs
- Dust mop and remove soil



#### 4. Post Wet Floor Signs

 Put Wet Floor signs at all entrances



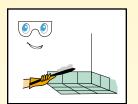
#### 5. Select Stripper

Match stripper to finish



#### 6. Prepare Stripper

- Use tepid water not hot
- Mix at appropriate dilution ratio



#### 7. Strip Baseboards

- Apply baseboard stripper to baseboard if needed – allow stripper to work
- Scrub with brown Doodlebug

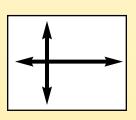
pad - Hi Pro will damage rubber baseboards

- Rinse
- Wipe residue



#### 8. Strip Edges

- Apply baseboard stripper to edges – allow stripper to work
- Scrape edges with scraper
- Scrub edges with Doodlebug Hi Pro or Brown
- Rinse
- Pick up slurry with wet/dry vacuum or mop and bucket before it dries
- Wipe splashed stripper from baseboards, walls, etc. immediately



#### 9. Plan Floor Layout

- Determine where you start
- Determine where you end
- Blend into remaining floor



#### 10. Strip Floor

- Apply stripper to an area of approximately 100 square feet
- Allow **stripper** time to work (5-10 minutes)
- Double scrub area (eliminates shadow lines)
- Autoscrubber double scrub without picking up or rinsing
- If stripper becomes dry, reapply new stripper



# 11. Pick Up Slurry Before it Dries

- Mop and bucket use floor squeegee
- Wet/dry vacuum with floor

squeegee and wand or front-mount squeegee

Autoscrubber (rinse at the same time)



# 12. Thoroughly Rinse Floor and Inspect Your Work

- Wet mop floor with neutralizer/conditioner
- Then wet mop floor with clear water one or more times as needed
- Allow to dry
- Check to make sure all finish is off (no shiny spots)
- If not, repeat steps until floor is TOTALLY CLEAN AND FREE OF FINISH

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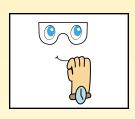


# 13. Apply Sealer (optional) and Finish

- Select the **sealer** (optional) and/or **finish** for your needs
- Use a clean finish mop or a

low-lint rayon or rayon-blend mop or the Fast Glide Finish System

- Presoak brand new mops in plain water and wring out well prior to use
- Use a finish mop for applying finish only, not for other mopping procedures
- Line mop bucket with a clean, clear plastic trash liner to prevent contamination of **finish** and finish buildup in the bucket; AND
- Carefully pour finish into lined bucket; do not fill more than half full: AND
- Immerse mop in **finish**, wring out bottom half,
   OR use the Fast Glide Finish System
- Never pour **finish** back into the original container (unless using the Fast Glide Finish System)
- Make sure the area you are working is a manageable size (50-100 square feet)
- Outline area by lightly applying finish in a straight line to edges and corners on every other coat. Stay away from walls on other coats by 3-9". Vary this distance for each coat to blend in finish. Use caution to avoid getting finish on baseboards, etc.
- Fill in outlined area with a figure "8" motion
- Lay finish in even, thin to medium coats
- Turn mop over to access more finish
- Apply as many coats as possible (usually 2-5 for most applications), but no more than 6 per day (if using sealer, apply 2 coats then use finish for the rest)



#### 14. Dry Time

 Recoat 10 minutes after the entire floor is dry to the touch



# 15. Use an Air Mover/Floor Fan(s)

 Let finish dry at least 5-10 minutes then use indirect air movement for faster drying

time (direct air mover upward or away from work area) NOTE: Check for dust and loose items before using air mover.



# 16. Burnish with Floor Pad if Recommended

- Some finishes can be dry burnished for enhanced gloss (1500 RPM or more) after the last coat is dry
- Do not spray buff floor for at least 24 hours
- Dust mop again, if necessary



#### 17. Remove Wet Floor Signs when Floor is Completely Dry



#### 18. Inspect Your Work

- Look to see that work has been accomplished
- Report concerns and preventive maintenance needs to your supervisor



#### 19. Clean Up Equipment

- Clean dust mop by vacuuming or shaking out dirt
- Apply and allow dust

mop treatment to cure on mop head, if applicable

- Rinse stripper and rinse mops using neutralizer/ conditioner several times if necessary
- Empty and rinse mop bucket(s)
- Turn mop bucket(s) upside down in mop sink to dry
- Return supplies to storage area
- Wipe down floor machine
- Wipe down cord of floor machine and wet/dry vacuum
- Remove stripping pad and rinse or clean as needed, air dry
- Remove drive pad or brush from 175 RPM floor machine and hang it on the machine's handle or a hook
- Remove slurry from wet/dry vacuum or autoscrubber
- Rinse wet/dry vacuum or autoscrubber and clean squeegee and exterior
- Rinse/clean Doodlebug pad and holder
- · Seal up finish mop in a clear plastic bag
- Clean or replace burnishing pad and leave on machine, if used

#### **Neutralizer/Conditioner**



### KleenLine Floor Conditioner and Neutralizer

Conditions floors for better sealer and finish adhesion; neutralizes odors and removes alkaline residue from mops, solution tanks, spray jets/tips and more

#### **Sealer**



#### **Center Stage**

Sealer for high-traffic or worn floors before applying finish

#### Floor Finish



#### **Image**

Economical finish for no maintenance and 175-1500 RPM programs

#### **Super Gloss**

Durable finish for no maintenance and 175-1500 RPM systems



S.O.S.

Finish for problem floors using no maintenance or 175-1500 RPM procedures

#### Floor Star

Our best finish for no or infrequent maintenance, but can be used with any floor maintenance system





#### **Tight**

For extreme slip resistance and 1500 RPM or more programs; responds beautifully to frequent UHS burnishing

#### **Innovation**

Premium finish for frequent UHS burnishing at 1500 RPM or more





#### Sunglasses

Our best finish for infrequent UHS burnishing at 1500 RPM or more, but can be used with any floor maintenance system





#### **WAXIE's Training**

The first step to beautiful floors is proper training.

- Our trained Sanitary Maintenance Consultants offer on-site analysis and consulting
- WAXIE has a dedicated staff of Chemical and Machine Specialists to offer you more specialized assistance
- Seminars and training are available at WAXIE's state-of-the-art training centers or at your location

WAXIE is at the leading edge in maintenance technology, offering our customers cost-effective, cutting-edge solutions to their maintenance problems.

#### **WAXIE's Support**

#### **On-Site Support**

Besides our trained Sanitary Maintenance Consultants, WAXIE also has Chemical and Machine Specialists available. And, if needed, technical expertise and assistance can be provided by our manufacturers' representatives.

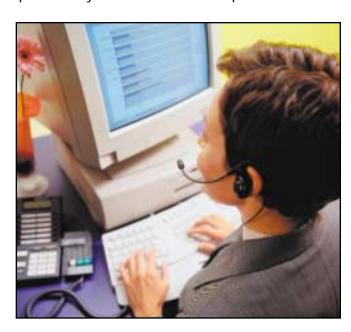
#### **Facility Management Software**

WAXIE has software programs that use database technology to analyze manpower allocation, labor costs, tasks and frequencies, inventory control, employee management and more.

#### **Customer Service**

Just call 1-800-995-4466 to reach a live Customer Service Representative at the WAXIE location nearest you to:

- Assist with product information or cleaning techniques
- Receive Material Safety Data Sheets or literature by fax or mail
- Place product orders for next day delivery in most metropolitan areas



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