

Could the LEED-Cleaning Approach Impact the Cleaning and Maintenance of your Facility?

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Could the LEED-Cleaning Approach Impact the Cleaning and Maintenance of your Facility? Cleaning is cleaning, or so the old thinking goes, but things have changed. So, how different is regular, traditional cleaning from cleaning that adheres to the USGBC guidelines for LEED? The specifications are the same, as can be evidenced by comparing Scope of Work documents, however, the implementation and execution of the cleaning is different, as are the results.

The LEED cleaning approach is guided by 1) the development of employees including: cleaning personnel, supervisors and management, 2) the use of third party certified green products and equipment, and 3) sustainability initiatives. SparkleTeam incorporates this LEED-focused cleaning philosophy with every customer, simply because it is the most effective cleaning program, which yields great cleaning results and respects the environment.

Interesting to note, is that Property and Facility Managers not pursuing LEED certification, are still interested in implementing these best practices at their facilities. Their objective is to most effectively manage their facility, ensuring top services for their tenants, while adhering to their budget. The LEED cleaning approach is certainly an important contributor to the bottom line, due to built-in efficiencies, that translate to saving of time that provide attractive pricing.

For those looking to obtain LEED certification for their facilities, experience is important for every team member of the LEED team. LEED accredited professionals with a cleaning background can: establish and document green cleaning programs, implement training programs, and conduct facility audits, thereby preparing all associated documentation for submission, in order to obtain LEED credits.

SparkleTeam has significant experience working with LEED teams, LEED registered buildings, and LEED Certified buildings, for a total of five. Some of the ratings and facilities are as follows:

- LEED NC-Silver was obtained at Crown Center, 1401 W. Cypress Creek Road in Fort Lauderdale. SparkleTeam was a member of Midgard Management's LEED team.

- LEED-EBOM rating was obtained at Crown Center, 1475 W. Cypress Creek Road in Fort Lauderdale. SparkleTeam worked with the Midgard Management LEED team and helped support the first award of multiple LEED certifications at the same office campus in Broward County.

- Awaiting LEED certification is Children's Services Council of Broward County. Commercial Properties Management Group, who SparkleTeam assisted in the preparation of LEED documentation, manages this registered facility.

What is the cleaning philosophy at your building? The LEED-cleaning approach encompasses best practices in training, products, and sustainability. It is quite simply "best in class". That is exactly what your building deserves!



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