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## Winter Weather Brings Distressed Carpet

Winter weather puts additional pressure on custodial operations by making the task of building maintenance considerably more challenging. Snow, rain, wind, and even the cold weather can affect the carpeting in your facility. Unfortunately, winter weather wreaks havoc on just about every area of the facility. How you react to the added challenges of winter weather, specifically carpet care, will determine how well your facility braves these conditions.

The first thing that you need to know to prevent cold weather damage to your facility's carpeting is what causes the damage. Here's a list of a few of the perpetrators:

- ◆ Ice melt components such as sand, rock salt, and calcium chloride
- ◆ Tar and asphalt (Ice-melt breaks down asphalt which is then tracked in on our shoes.)
- ◆ Added moisture which causes musty smells and mold

What can you do to combat these added winter weather challenges? First of all, proper entrance matting is a must. Regular vacuuming will also aid in protecting the carpeted surfaces. If you extract carpeting in the winter months use a low moisture carpet extractor that speeds drying and prevents musty smells. For more cold weather tips, contact Pike Systems at 630-896-6373.

## About Pike Systems, Inc.

In today's business environment, every facility is being faced with cleanliness challenges. Just having the right chemicals and equipment isn't enough. It's knowing how to apply the integration of chemicals, equipment, and people to your individual facility and knowing how to train your staff to do it the right way. Pike Systems, Inc. can help you with this process. The following are some of our recommendations to help you reduce the overall costs of your Custodial Budget. The benefits of working with Pike Systems consist of the following:

- Working with a supplier who will do more than deliver product to your warehouse.
- Reduction in the number of chemicals used
- Installation of proportioning systems that provide safe consistent use of chemicals and reduce chemical use.
- Standardization of procedures so all staff members are working in the most efficient effective manner.
- Establishment of an ongoing training program for your staff

Making these types of improvements won't happen with conventional distributors. It takes a company like Pike Systems whose focus is on the customer and the customer's individual needs to make it happen.

## Product Spotlight: FastDraw 4

The NEW Betco FastDraw system is now available. This system boasts the following benefits:

- ◆ A lockable and tamper resistant encasement that allows you to remain in control of your chemical usage.
- ◆ A space saver design that allows the proportioning system to be mounted in corners to save space.
- ◆ A green system which prevents any possible chemical carry-over when products are changed or rotated within the unit.
- ◆ A sealed chemical bottle that prevents any drips/spills.

If you're looking for a simple, durable, four product locking dispenser to prevent theft and vandalism or if you would like to control the amount of cleaning chemicals purchased over the course of the month, the FastDraw 4 is for you. For more information on the FastDraw 4, call Pike Systems at 630-896-6373.



## Benchmarks

14% - Percentage of parents who noted that their school restrooms lacked basic supplies such as toilet paper, hand soap, or hand towels.

21% - Percentage of parents who say their children avoid using their schools' washrooms because of dirty or unsafe conditions.

38% - Percentage of parents who believe that dirty, unstocked, or unsafe school washrooms are likely to lead to vandalism and graffiti.

22% - Percentage of parents who believe that dirty, unstocked, or unsafe school restrooms cause health problems among students.

*Source: 2002 Survey of Parents of Middle-High School Students conducted by Op-mion Research Corp on behalf of Kimberly-Clark Professional*

## Preventing Slip and Fall Accidents

It is especially important during this time of year to review your program for slip and fall prevention. The snow that is tracked into the building is often hard to manage. It's unpredictable and it has the potential to eat-up much of the custodian's time due to the additional clean-up required.

A slip and fall accident is not only harmful to the individual involved, but also has the potential to financially impact the facility by way of lawsuits. Medical expenses and lost time during this crisis will greatly impact the facility.

Here are some factors that impact the slip and fall environment and increase/decrease the potential for a slip and fall accident:

1. The Material and Finish on the Floor (controllable)
2. Footwear—The bottom material and the condition (uncontrollable)
3. Environmental Contaminants (controllable)
4. Gait Dynamics—How an individuals walks (uncontrollable)

Pike Systems has a complete slip prevention program available. Our program involves soil containment, soil (salt) removal, and procedures for the maintenance of your floors and carpet. Please give us a call for further information on the prevention of slip and fall accidents!

## ICE MELT REMOVAL

Ice melt removal has always been a challenge. This year, it's been a persistent challenge due to the above average snow-fall. It's important to remember that ice melt removal requires no miracle neutralizers. Your Betco PH7 neutral detergent or your Green Earth Daily Floor Cleaner will remove ice melt residue and, both, are versatile enough to be safely used in autoscrubbers as well as in a mop bucket.

Keep in mind that not all neutral detergents will remove salt residue; pH7 and the Green Earth Daily Floor Cleaner are specially formulated to remove salt residue without harming the floor finish. This saves you money and reduces training for the staff since pH7 and Green Earth Daily Floor Cleaner are the same detergents that you use all year long!

**If you would like a written procedure for ice melt removal, call Pike Systems at 630-896-6373. We would be happy to fax the procedure to you.**

