

**JANITORIAL**

# Expert vs. Standard Cleaning Methods

**No two janitorial providers are the same.** Outsourcing to just any partner doesn't guarantee your facility is receiving the quality care it deserves. The true value of a janitorial provider comes down to the quality of their cleaning methods. ABM implements the best cleaning practices, methods, and equipment to deliver a level of service that continually rises above the norm.

At ABM, the "standard" doesn't come close to our standard. For more than 100 years, we've been guided by the highest quality servicing methods available. See how our best practices compare to the standard cleaning taken by the average janitorial company.

<b>ABM'S CLEANING METHODS</b>	<b>STANDARD CLEANING METHODS</b>
<p><b>GREEN CLEANING SOLUTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eco-friendly ingredients</li> <li>• Green Seal approved products</li> <li>• Focus on preventative measures</li> </ul>	<p><b>LOW QUALITY CHEMICALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially harmful to occupants</li> <li>• May damage surfaces and property</li> <li>• Not environmentally friendly</li> </ul>
<p><b>For businesses making sustainability a priority, ABM offers sustainable cleaning solutions.</b> Led by eco-friendly cleaning products approved by Green Seal, the leading certifiers of environmentally safe solutions, ABM uses products with ingredients that are verifiably safe for occupants and the environment. We also put energy-saving and pollutant-decreasing procedures in play, guaranteed to earn points toward your LEED certification.</p>	
<p><b>MICROFIBER DUSTING CLOTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capture and remove 99% of dust</li> <li>• Durable and reusable</li> <li>• Capable without additional chemicals or sprays</li> </ul>	<p><b>STANDARD CLOTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made of low-quality cotton or paper</li> <li>• Spread particles and dust around</li> <li>• Rely on a wet solution to capture dust</li> </ul>
<p><b>Microfiber cloths outperform traditional materials to remove a majority of dust and spills with ease</b> and often without the need for chemical compounds. Unlike the stitching of traditional cotton cloths, the tiny fibers of a microfiber cloth ensure the capture and removal of dust and pollutants from your surfaces.</p>	
<p><b>FLAT MOPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More manageable and efficient than string mops</li> <li>• Cleaning solution applied directly to surfaces—no cross-contamination in dirty mop water</li> <li>• No bucket means no spills</li> </ul>	<p><b>STRING MOP AND BUCKET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean solution becomes increasingly contaminated, cleaning floors with dirty mop water</li> <li>• String mops shed and trap bacteria</li> <li>• Cumbersome bucket may spill</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flat mops eliminate the mess and inefficiencies of the traditional string mop and bucket.</b> While usage of a traditional mop leads to a contaminated cleaning bucket, a flat mop calls for a repeatedly fresh application of cleaning solution directly to the floor. The cleaning solution never becomes cross-contaminated and dirty floors receive a thorough cleaning without spreading grime around. Plus, no bucket means no chance of tipping and spilling, while a flat and wide mop means no loose strings or trapped contaminants.</p>	
<p><b>INSTITUTIONAL APPROVED VACUUMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep dirt and dust contained</li> <li>• Reduce contributions to the air</li> <li>• High performance without carpet damage</li> </ul>	<p><b>STANDARD VACUUMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release allergens into the air</li> <li>• Contribute to poor indoor air quality</li> <li>• Unreliable, difficult, and underperforming</li> </ul>
<p><b>For sustainable carpet cleaning, ABM prefers vacuum cleaners approved by the Carpet &amp; Rug Institute (CRI).</b> Vacuums granted the CRI Seal of Approval must pass independent lab tests for quality soil removal, dust containment, and minimal surface appearance change. The outcome is an exceptionally clean carpet and high-performing vacuum that keeps dirt and dust contained—not released into the air to be inhaled by occupants.</p>	
<p><b>PAPER PRODUCTS THAT MEET EPA STANDARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towels not whitened by chlorine or other harmful chemicals</li> <li>• Large rolls reduce packaging and waste</li> <li>• Products made of renewable materials</li> </ul>	<p><b>STANDARD PAPER PRODUCTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitened by harmful chemicals</li> <li>• Add to facility waste</li> <li>• Not recyclable</li> </ul>
<p><b>For enhanced workplace sustainability, ABM recommends paper products that meet the EPA's standards</b> for recycled content, including high-capacity dispensers that minimize waste and control towel usage, as well as paper towels made of recycled and recyclable material.</p>	

**For professionally cleaned facilities, choose the professionals**

Don't skimp on your cleaning systems. The cleanest facilities use the best methods available and partner with the highest-quality providers. From routine janitorial to sustainably minded goals, ABM janitorial can support the success and safety of your business.

Find out how we can make it possible for you by calling **866.624.1520** or visiting **ABM.com/janitorial**