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Odor Control

This is the season for festivals, county fairs and soccer games. These outdoor activities are sometimes located in remote areas and require portable restrooms to service the crowd. ChemStation can help with portable restroom deodorizing fluids.

Our products are environmentally friendly and do not contain formaldehyde. We concentrate on controlling the odor-causing bacteria, rather than simply masking it. The formulas use a dark blue dye and come in a variety of strengths and fragrances. We even have a number of products that are highly concentrated, using just 1 ounce per 5-gallon toilet.

See your ChemStation representative for more information about portable restroom deodorizing fluids. ChemStation is a proud member of the Portable Sanitation Association Industry (PSAI). ■

Factors Affecting Cleaning Performance

- **T**ime: Contact time on the surface being cleaned
- **A**ction: Physical force exerted onto the surface (i.e., scrubbing, agitation, etc.)
- **C**oncentration: Amount of cleaner used (i.e., dilution)
- **T**emperature: Amount of energy used in the cleaning solution (i.e., heat)
- **W**ater: Used to prepare the cleaning solution
- **I**ndividual: The worker performing the cleaning/sanitation operation
- **N**ature: The composition of the soil
- **S**urface: Material being cleaned (i.e., equipment, floors, walls, etc.)

Remember: **TACT WINS** and you'll always know these important factors involved in cleaning. ■

Safety Gloves... Synthetic or Rubber?



When you deal with chemicals, you become inundated with the safety and use of personal protection equipment (PPE). When it comes to the right gloves, here's some information to help in your decision.

Rubber (Latex) – Latex resists many bases, acids, alcohols and dilute water solutions of many types of chemicals. It offers good resistance to cuts. NOTE: Although rare, allergic reactions to the proteins in natural rubber latex gloves have been reported. If latex sensitivity is known or suspected, switch to nitrile or neoprene.

Synthetic Rubber (Nitrile and Neoprene) – Nitrile offers good protection against bases, oils, many solvents and esters, grease and animal fats. It is not recommended for ketones and some organic solvents. Nitrile offers excellent resistance to snags, punctures, abrasions and cuts. Neoprene is resistant to a very broad range of oils, acids, caustics and solvents but is less resistant to snags, cuts, punctures and abrasions than nitrile or natural rubber. In other words, it's a more durable glove than latex and is recommended for solvents and other chemicals with that nature. ■

September At-A-Glance

We start off the month with the unofficial end-of-summer Labor Day holiday on September 6. On September 8, 1883, the Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed. September 11 marks the third anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history as four large passenger jets were hijacked, then crashed, killing over 3,000 people. Mayflower Day is celebrated on September 16 commemorating the 66-day voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in 1620. The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England bound with 102 passengers and reached Provincetown, MA on November 21. September 16 is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. On September 22, at 12:30 p.m. EDT, autumn begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox. September 25 is Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), the most important holiday of the Jewish year.



Don't Let Cross-Training Bypass Safety



Cross-training of employees is one way you can do more with less. In smaller operations, employees can be expected to become generalists from their first day on the job. However, employers need to make sure that safety training isn't left out of the cross-training culture.

Safety managers and supervisors must be responsible for reviewing job safety analyses to determine necessary safety training for those employees doing the work. In most cases, the safety training has to come before the job cross-training can begin.

Supervisors who make decisions about cross-training need to be made aware of any additional safety training that might be needed. Before training an employee on a different task, they must be able to check to make sure that all safety issues have been addressed and the proper safety training has been given. ■

Source: J.J. Keller

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There Outta Be A Law

There are some strange laws on the books throughout the United States. When legislators get an idea in their heads, there's no telling where it will end up. Unfortunately, sometimes it winds up as real law. A few examples:

- Lawmakers in Denver have really cracked down on dust trafficking. It is illegal in the Mile High City to lend your vacuum cleaner to your next-door neighbor.
- There's a time and a place for ice cream, and in New York, you'd better know the law. One statute forbids you from walking around on a Sunday with an ice cream cone in your pocket.



- They're pretty strict about sleeping up in North Dakota, where lawmakers decided it was illegal to snooze with your shoes on. ■



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Soapbox

Tact, n. The ability to tell a man he's open-minded when he has a hole in his head.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig.

Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. – *Satchel Paige*

What is called a high standard of living consists, in considerable measure, in arrangements for avoiding muscular energy, increasing sensual pleasure and for enhancing caloric intake above any conceivable nutritional requirement.

Seen and heard around local businesses…

- *Blamestorming* – Sitting around in a group discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed and who was responsible.
- *Chainsaw Consultant* – An outside expert brought in to reduce the employee head count, leaving the brass with clean hands.
- *Flight risk* – Used to describe employees who are suspected of planning to leave the company or department soon.
- *404* – Someone who's clueless. From the World Wide Web error message, "404 Not Found" meaning the requested document could not be located.
- *Percussive Maintenance* – The fine art of whacking the heck out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

Most of us know how to say nothing, few of us know when. – *Anonymous*

Did you know that each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history? Spades – King David; Clubs – Alexander the Great; Hearts – Charlemagne; and Diamonds – Julius Caesar.

The hardness of the butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread.

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