



## CLEANTECH FALL 2006 NEWSLETTER

*“The world will not evolve past its current state of crisis by using the same thinking that created the situation.”*  
- Albert Einstein

***Our mission is to provide consistent service and support through innovative cleaning methods***

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Why is hand washing so important?  
Hand washing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Good hand washing technique is easy to learn and can significantly reduce the spread of infectious diseases among both children and adults. Even though hands appear to be clean, they may carry germs or micro-organisms that are capable of causing disease.

Did you know there's approximately:

- 25,127 germs per sq.in. on the phones
- 3,295 germs per sq.in. on the keyboards
- 20,961 germs per sq.in. on the desktop
- 1,676 germs per sq.in. on the mouse
- and only 49 germs per sq.in. on the toilet seat

### **How to start “greening” your building and the bottom line:**

Protecting the environment now and for the future generations has become a worldwide concern. More and more people are willing to make environmentally responsible choices when it comes to the cleaning and maintenance of their facilities but they don't know where to start. Cleantech is able to help you make these choices.

- Use environmentally-friendly products when cleaning.
- Reduce packaging by using concentrated cleaning agents and recycled paper.
- Reduce the number of resources used, for example use paper dispensers with control flow mechanisms to efficient hand soaps or no-spill dilution systems, the key is to use just as much resource as is needed.
- Encourage people to recycle by providing easy access to recycling bins.

Did you know that by using 100 cases of white **100% recycled paper**, you help save:

- 23 trees
- 225 lbs. of landfilled waste
- 0.09 m<sup>3</sup> of landfilled space (the equivalent of the volume of 50 facial tissue boxes)
- the equivalent energy consumed by a 100W light bulb for 109,618 hours or 300 years
- 960 lbs. of greenhouse gas (the equivalent of a car running for 22 hours)
- 54,414 litres of water (the equivalent water consumed by a 4 person household for 132 days (and more if using brown paper))

It's that time again for gutter cleaning. Contact Cleantech's sister company, International Building Maintenance at 604-244-3900 to get an estimate for clearing, cleaning and repair of your gutters. Check IBM out on the web at [www.internationalbuildingmaintenance.com](http://www.internationalbuildingmaintenance.com)

