



Salt Clean Up

By Bob Owens

The Holidays are upon us, and with them come the arrival of snow and ice. For us that means rock salt and other ice melters such as calcium chloride being tracked into the buildings. These products present certain challenges in daily school cleaning.

The first defense against salt is good entrance matting. Vacuum mats well every day and flip them back to mop underneath if necessary. Always

sweep and dust mop floors thoroughly before mopping or auto scrubbing. Avoid vacuuming chunks of ice or snow, and do not lay rubber mats over wet floors.

Rock salt and ice melters are generally alkaline. This causes floor finish to wear faster and may leave a white haze on the floor. While cold water and a floor cleaner will remove some of the salt, a slightly acidic neutralizer can assist in dissolving and

removing it more effectively. Your manager will provide the proper product for this task.

Remember, wet floor signs are more important than ever this time of year.



Energy Usage

By Chris Cappel

One of the most important ways we can help our schools this winter is to reduce their energy usage. The most obvious of these is lighting. We should turn lights off each afternoon as soon as possible. A good rule to follow for classrooms, hallways,

& restrooms is lights that will be off for 20 minutes or more should be turned off.

Another way we can help is by only using cold water in our cleaning. We can also keep heating costs down for our customers by making sure that windows and doors are shut tightly.

CLEANING TIP:

Always wash your hands when you are finished cleaning your section.



Employee Profile

Chris Como



Where do you work? I work at All Saints in Kenwood.

How long have you worked for the company? I've been working for Scarlet and Gray for 8 years.

What do you like about your job? I like working around kids.

What are your interests outside of work? Golf, Sons of Italy, and working in the community.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



CIMS Update

By Mark Cappel

As many of you may recall, Scarlet & Gray was the 4th organization in the country to become CIMS (Cleaning Industry Management Standard) certified. In general, CIMS establishes a management framework designed to assist building service contractors and in-house service providers develop quality, customer-



centered organizations. It is based on universally-accepted principles that have proven to be the hallmarks of well-managed, successful cleaning operations. The program is becoming more established as new cleaning contractors and universities become certified.

In the coming months we will begin the process of re-certification. We will conduct field audits to assess our compliance in the following

categories:

- Proper procedures for equipment and product use.
- Safe work practices.
- Thorough communication regarding operations or policies.

More information will follow in January. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mark