

# Get On A Schedule!

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## Use Smart Planning to Clean Your Facility More Efficiently



### The Opportunity

For some tasks, WHEN we perform them is as important as HOW. By recharging maintenance equipment during your power company's prescribed off-peak electrical periods and scheduling a platoon approach to cleaning crew assignments you can significantly reduce energy consumption.

#### CLEANING CREW

You are wasting electricity when you have cleaners working on multiple floors simultaneously. When all the lights in the building are on for hours at a time to accommodate small cleaning teams you're racking-up the kWh's every night.

Instead of lighting up the night sky, reschedule/reassign your cleaners into platoons so they move as a group, cleaning and lighting up only one floor at a time. You'll save energy with no adverse effect on building cleanliness.

#### BATTERY-CHARGED EQUIPMENT

Charging battery-operated floor care, maintenance and shipping/receiving equipment during your power company's prescribed peak electricity periods adds unnecessary operating costs by increasing "demand" charges on your power company invoice. The best way forward is to follow proper guidelines and use digital timers to ensure chargers stay off during peak hours.

### What's the Impact? – Putting your cleaning/maintenance crew on a schedule in just 1 building

#### FINANCIAL BENEFIT

Annual Cost Avoidance > \$ 2,000\*/facility/year

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT

Reduced Power Plant Emissions > 5.0 tons/facility/year

*\* Every dollar that you waste on energy is equivalent to a dollar that you lose from your bottom line.*

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## No Peaking! Put Your Battery-Operated Appliances on an Off-Peak Schedule

### Appliances Appropriate for Off-Peak Charging

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Floor Washers                 | Battery-Powered Hand Tools  |
| Floor Buffers                 | Sprayers                    |
| Lawn Mowers/Grounds Equipment | Office Production Equipment |
| Pallet Jacks                  | Communication Equipment     |



## What You, The Manager, Can Do

- Revise the cleaning schedule so cleaners are assigned to platoons to work on a floor-by-floor grid.
- Revise the charging schedule so all battery-operated appliances charge during off-peak times.
- Consider using digital timers to ensure charging cycles are in compliance with off-peak charging policies.
- Introduce the Tip and the new schedules at your team meeting. If your cleaning/maintenance staffers are contract workers, be sure to work with management and/or union representatives to assist in retraining staff.
- Teach by example. If you see maintenance equipment charging during peak hours, remind your employee of the new schedule.

## What Your Team Can Do

- Follow new cleaning guidelines and new off-peak charging schedule.