



Green Cleaning Products at Cal

Background:

In efforts to make UCB more environmentally friendly, we are trying to convert to green cleaning products, characterized by their **reduced human and aquatic toxicity**

Switching to green products is an economically viable and relatively simple change that will have a large impact on our environment and health of our staff and students

This change will also educate and raise awareness to the custodians and students about green products

Question:

Overall, which green cleaning product line is the best?
(Archer, Betco, Buckeye, Butchers, Hillyard, Waxie)

Methods:

Each of six lines of products (typically including; disinfectant, and floor, window, and surface cleaners) were rotated through six custodians for approximately one to two weeks of testing.

Each week the custodians were surveyed based on four criteria:

1. Cleaning ability
2. Smell
3. Ease of Use/Efficiency
4. Directions/Labeling

Each was rated on a scale from 1-5 (bad to good)



Additionally they were asked:

Would you use this product at home?

Overall, do you like this product line better or worse than the original line?

Additional comments about product efficiency and concerns with toxicity of products were collected.

Results:

Testing is still in progress, results so far have not shown significant differences between products with the exception of the Archer line, which has the highest average score (16.4). Additionally, each of five custodians thus far have stated that overall, they like Archer better than the original product line.

Conclusions:

Interviews are still in progress, there are no clear trends at present.



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