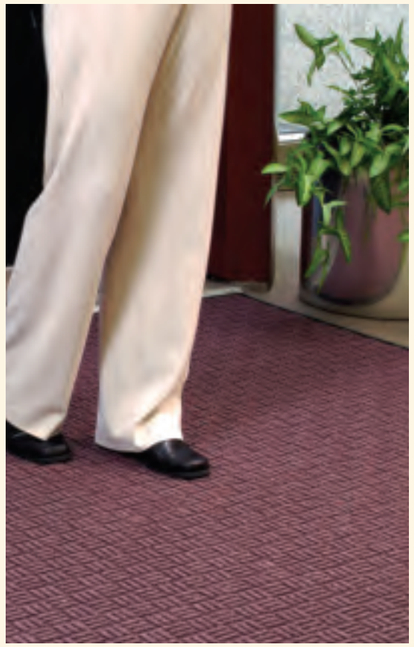
Andersen Matting For GREENER BUILDINGS

The first line of defense in an integrated green cleaning and maintenance program.

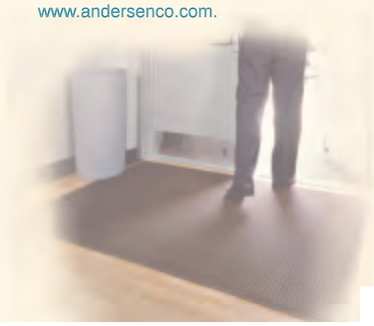


Green Cleaning and Green Buildings are not "fads", they represent a serious approach to improving the quality of our indoor environment while protecting the outdoor environment.

The LEED program has been embraced by over 2000 companies and organizations, from those on the Fortune 100 list to various federal, state, and local government agencies.

The Environmental Protection Agency has developed a green purchasing guideline for use by government agencies, and the GSA has added improvements to the indoor environmental quality of all its buildings to its strategic objectives.

The Andersen Company is proud to be a part of these efforts through its participation in the US Green Building Council. For more information about Green Cleaning and opportunities for your organization, please visit us at www.andersenco.com.



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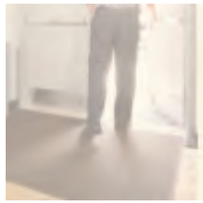

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Green Buildings are designed, built, and maintained to protect the health and safety of the occupants, maximizing their comfort and productivity, while minimizing the impact on the environment.

Green Cleaning is most simply defined as ***cleaning to protect health without harming the environment.*** Green Cleaning is a comprehensive approach to maintaining a facility; including chemicals, equipment, paper, supplies, entry way mats and procedures that minimize the impact of cleaning on human health and the environment.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that indoor air may be 2 to 5 times as polluted as the air outside. Other research shows that 70% - 80% of the dust, dirt, and contaminants that enter a building are tracked in from the outside on people's feet.

Green Buildings are simply good business. Scientific studies have documented productivity increases of 0.5% - 7% associated with greener indoor office environments. If the average cost of salaries and benefits is approximately $130 per square foot, even a slight improvement of 1% translates to a $1.30 per square foot increase in productivity.

Protecting What Is Important

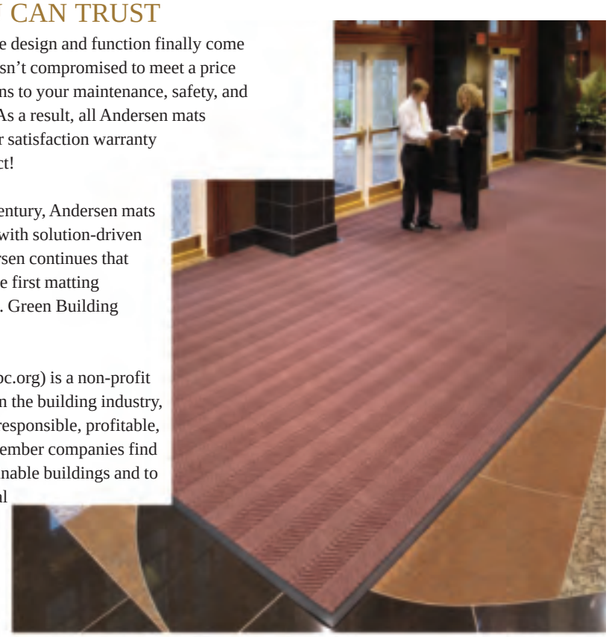
Building managers and maintenance professionals have a responsibility to protect the owners' investment in buildings, grounds, and furnishings. As we learn more about the impacts of cleaning on human health, we begin to understand our responsibility to protect the occupants and other users of the building as well as the surrounding environment. The Andersen Company can help you protect what is important in your business. Andersen mats are designed to help stop contaminants before they enter a building, saving cleaning time, labor, and money, making your building safer, and helping to prevent slip & falls. Finally, Andersen's high performance entrance mats are manufactured with 100% Rubber Backing with 25% recycled content, making them an ideal choice in your Green Building.

A Name You Can Trust

Andersen mats are where design and function finally come together, where quality isn't compromised to meet a price point, and where solutions to your maintenance, safety, and decor needs come first. As a result, all Andersen mats feature a 100% customer satisfaction warranty for the life of the product!

For over a quarter of a century, Andersen mats have been synonymous with solution-driven innovations. Now Andersen continues that industry leadership as the first matting company to join the U.S. Green Building Council.

The USGBC (www.usgbc.org) is a non-profit organization of leaders in the building industry, dedicated to promoting responsible, profitable, and healthy facilities. Member companies find solutions to create sustainable buildings and to reduce the environmental impact.



Building a Sustainable Future

Controlling Dirt & Costs

Over three-quarters of the dust, dirt, and contaminants in a building come through the door on people's feet, damaging carpets, floors, and adding to the cost of maintenance. It's been estimated that one square yard of carpet can accumulate a pound or more of dirt in just a week. In most buildings, the cost of maintaining the floors is the single largest cost of cleaning. Removing a single pound of dirt from a building can cost more than $600! An effective matting program can not only help protect the occupants of a building, but can also protect your bottom line.

Performance

The key issue with mats is a mat's performance life. Andersen's high performance mats made with a permanent bi-level construction can have a performance life of many years. Mats without a rubber reinforced permanent bi-level construction have a 90 - 180 day performance life. To function effectively in a Green Building, these low performance mats will need to be replaced more frequently, increasing costs and causing disposal issues.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)®

The LEED program is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high performance, sustainable buildings. LEED for New Construction (LEED-NC) and LEED for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) certification may be achieved by meeting specific standards of design, materials, processes, and procedures.

A key criteria is the control of contaminants entering a building. LEED® credits may be achieved by specifying and using the proper matting systems inside and outside of all entry ways. It is also important to use the proper matting between adjoining areas in a facility, for example between a factory plant and office areas.

*LEED is a registered trademark of the US Green Building Council.

Four Things an Entrance Mat Should Do

Stop Soil & Water at the Door
Surprisingly, not all mats are designed to do this. Waterhog mats manufactured by the Andersen Company provide a combination of scraping and wiping to stop the maximum amount of contaminants.

Store Soil & Water for Removal
Waterhog mats are designed for maximum storage of soil & water and ease of removal when the mat is cleaned.

Minimize Tracking of Soil & Water
Waterhog mats accomplish this with a permanent rubber re-inforced, bi-level construction that provides an upper surface for walking and a lower area to store soil & water for later removal.

Provide a Safe Surface
The bottom of all Waterhog mats are slip-resistant to minimize movement on the floor under traffic. Waterhog mats have a unique "water dam" border that contains moisture below the traffic level to help prevent slip/fall incidents. Waterhog rubber backed mats provide better slip resistance than low performance, vinyl-backed mats.

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