

Valentine's Day 2012

Working clean reduces waste—\$\$\$ that falls to the bottom line!

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Consider the facts:

- Flowers “bleed” when cut.
- Stems leak enzymes, carbohydrates and organic material into the water.
- These compounds result in bacterial explosions
- Bacteria, fungi and yeasts plug flower stems
- Heads droop. Roses neck. Gerberas flop
- Deep cleaning is important BEFORE any holiday

January is the month for deep cleaning:

- Develop and post a regular cleaning schedule for surfaces, buckets, tools and coolers
- Buckets sanitized after each use with Chrysal Cleaner
- Cooler shelves and floors wiped down and sanitized
- Green bits cleaned from cooler floor and out of hidden cracks
- Toss junk out of back-stock coolers
- Get deco moss boxes out of flower coolers (source of ethylene)
- Toss any food items out of the floral cooler
- Recommend tracking cooler temps (first thing every morning for 5 days) to ensure compressors are working well before the big loads start arriving

Daily:

Fill a spray bottle with ready to use cleaner. 1 cap concentrate + H₂O. **Spray on!!!**
Spray table surfaces and gloves 2 -3 times with ready to use Chrysal Cleaner
Set up dip jar on work counters with Chrysal Cleaner for knives, strippers and shears.
Spray chopper blades with cleaner solution 2 x a day. No need to dry blade
Empty trash cans daily and keep covered throughout day. (Botrytis spores float)

Before the Valentine's crunch starts:

Wash and scrub floor mats with Cleaner solution
Dip brooms in Chrysal Cleaner solution
Wash out trash cans with used bucket cleaner solution
Wash and sanitize cooler floors
Wipe down cooler shelves with cleaner solution



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