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Green Janitor Education Program Expansion Report



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Janitors Course Evaluations from Expansion Pilot Programs

Property Services workers clean and disinfect our built environment including residential and office buildings, as well as public spaces like airports and retail establishments. These workers are primarily people of color, immigrants, and women. Their work is often low-paid, contingent, and insecure.

ESF collaborated with SEIU and Building Skills Partnership, a property services-focused training organization, to expand the “Green Janitor Education Program” created by BSP in California. The 30 hour course develops janitors’ skills as the "eyes and ears" of a building focused on practices to reduce electricity and water usage, improve recycling and waste stream management, implement green cleaning chemicals and techniques, and protect health and safety for all. The program is certified by the U.S. Green Building Council - Los Angeles and janitors get certified as a "Green Janitor" after passing the course.

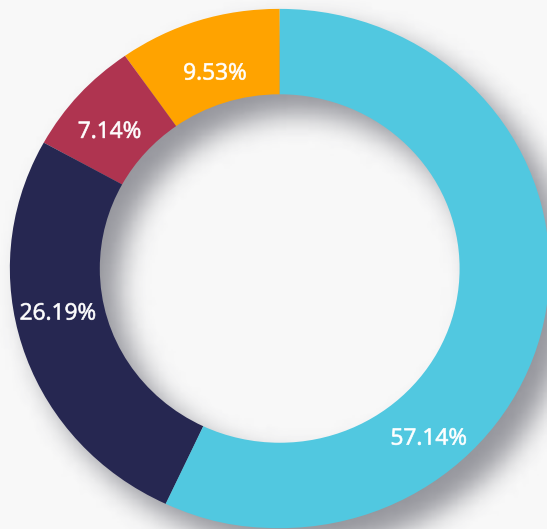
As our communities work to combat climate change, ESF and SEIU remain committed to engaging essential workers who suffer the most from the impacts of the climate crisis. Janitors have been and will remain critical to our efforts to reduce emissions, and make our communities and workplaces cleaner, greener, and safer.

This report compiles data from Green Janitor course evaluations completed by 43 janitors in Portland, Oregon, Denver and Colorado who completed the certification between November, 2021 and March, 2022. We look forward to piloting the program in additional cities, including Seattle, Chicago, and Minneapolis later in 2022 and further expansion of this critical program in the years to come.



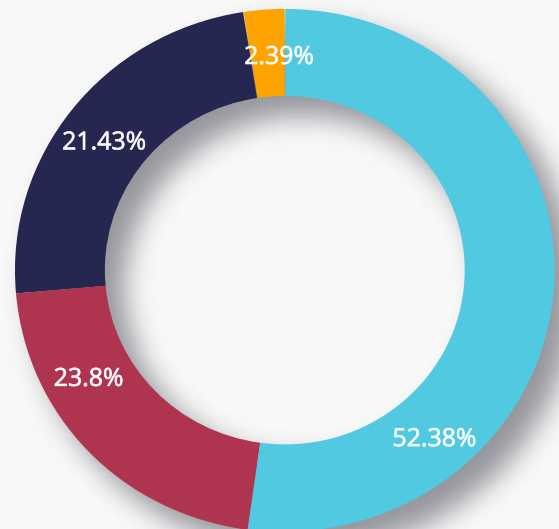
“Working toward “Green Cleaning” helps the environment, an employee’s health, and offers the chance to make a profit; if only management can follow the program, all of us will be successful.”

How prepared do you feel to apply concepts you learned in the course at your facility?



57.14% Completely
26.19% Very
7.14% Somewhat
9.53% Slightly

How much of the material presented was new to you?



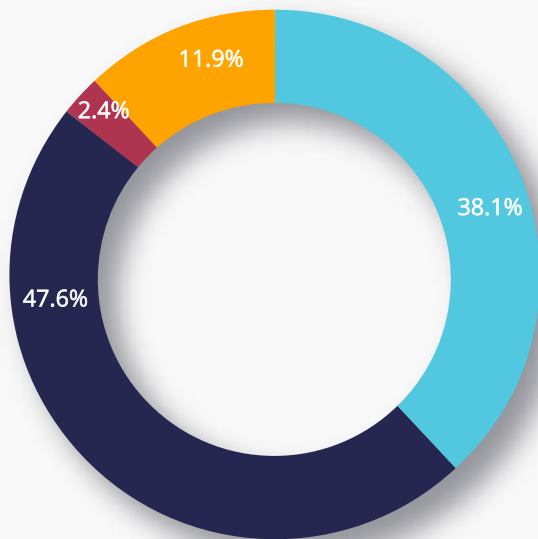
52.38% All of It
21.43% Quite a bit
23.8% Some
2.39% Not Very Much



What stands out to Graduates?

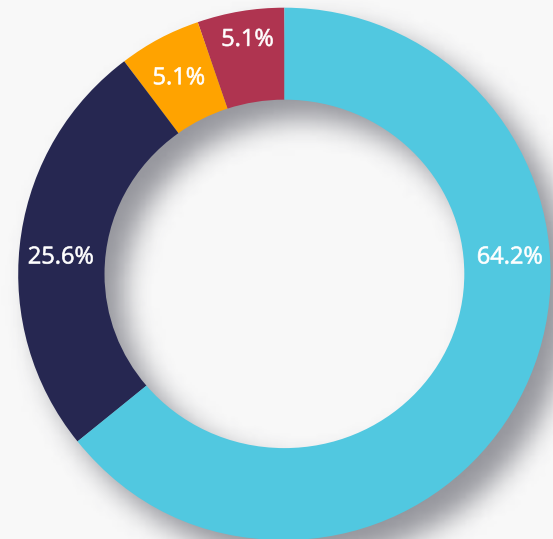
Environmental Health
Earth First **Recycling practices**
Environmentally Friendly **Reducing Water Usage**
Green Janitor Green Cleaning Education
Green Cleaning Products **Green Cleaning Healthy Living**
Sustainable Cleaning Practices **Going Green Recycling Practices**
Environmentally Friendly Cleaning **Reducing Electricity Usage**
Non-Toxic Earth Friendly Education Sustainability
Reduce Less Wasteful Environmental Education
LEED certification **Sustainable Recycle**
Green Energy Re-use Green Cleaning Practices
Renewables Earth Friendly

How likely are you to advocate for your company to purchase green cleaning products and implement energy efficiency practices in the future?



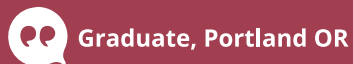
38.1% Definitely
47.6% Probably
2.4% Neither Likely or Unlikely
11.9% Possibly

How likely are you to use green cleaning products and implement energy efficiency practices in the future at home?

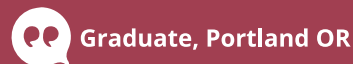


64.2% Definitely
25.6% Probably
5.1% Neither Likely or Unlikely
5.1% Possibly

"We learned what it means to be green"



"I want other people to learn these things too"

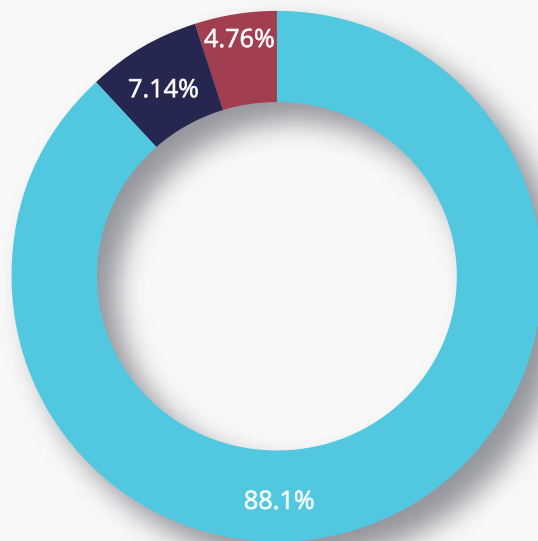


In general, the GJEP course was:

88.1% Useful

7.14% Mostly Useful

4.76% Somewhat Useful



"I am glad to be able to learn about green cleaning in this training. Not only because I am a janitor, but because I, my family, and my community have the right to live healthier. And, I know we have to take care of the environment where we live."

Sergio Gamero, Able Services, Oregon



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