

Green Connection Toolkit Helps Affordable Housing Maintenance Staff go Green

[Bay Area LISC's Green Connection](#) program is taking green building to the janitor's closet. With its recently published guidebook, "**Green Affordable Housing Operations and Maintenance Toolkit & Buyer's Guide**", the program is helping all affordable housing properties -- from newly constructed to older buildings -- become green.

"Many people assume that only newly constructed buildings can be green," Clare Bressani Tanko, LISC's Green Connection program officer, explains. "This guide identifies the simple ways -- such as unit turnovers and cleaning procedures -- in which building staff of existing buildings can gradually green their facilities. We hope the guide will help folks choose cost effective and green products, like environmentally friendly paint and flooring, that conserve resources, improve indoor air quality, and preserve budgets."

The guide defines what it means to be "green", explains why operations and maintenance staff should care, and offers simple measures that people can take. It features a green toolkit of products -- including paint, cleaning products, flooring and carpet, and lighting -- that could be incorporated into operations, and provides a substantial matrix of green products, estimated costs, and local retailers.

The guide was funded by the [Home Depot Foundation](#). Complimentary copies can be downloaded from Bay Area LISC's website: www.bayarealisc.org. In addition, hard copies will be made available for a \$5 fee. For more information, contact Clare Bressani Tanko: ctanko@lisc.org.



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