



Landscape Services

Safety Standard Operating Procedure

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Greenhouse Cleaning

This SSOP provides guidance on greenhouse and headhouse cleaning. As with any equipment or tools, the most basic premise for safe operation is reading and adhering to the manufacturer's instructions and warnings. This SSOP is not a substitute for the owner's manual produced by the manufacturer.

Safety Requirements PPE Required: Sturdy footwear. (Waterproof footwear suggested)

Scheduled: Daily

General information

Good greenhouse/headhouse hygiene is the first step of Landscape Services integrated pest management. Cleanliness is crucial for a healthy greenhouse. The goal should be a spotless greenhouse where insects, diseases, weeds, and nematodes have a difficult time surviving.

Safety Hazards: bending, slipping, tripping, pedestrian traffic, and sharp objects.

Greenhouses

1. Clean polycarbonate, glass, benches, and floors with detergent or mild soap before seasonal color grow out.

- Remove as much dirt and organic matter from glass or polycarbonate as possible.
- Clean the top of and underneath the benches.
- Use long handled scrub brush to remove dirt, algae, and debris from floor.
- Remove grates and clean trench drains and catch basins.

2. Clean cooling system.

- Disconnect and bleed water off the system.
- Remove all debris from pads and reservoirs.
- Rinse the pan area.
- Fill the reservoir with clean water
- Circulate water.
- Drain and flush reservoir to remove any remaining debris.
- Refill reservoir again with fresh clean water and 1 cup Green Shield to reduce future algae growth.
- End of cooling system cleaning.

3. Ongoing greenhouse cleaning

- Sweep loose potting soil and leaf debris as needed daily.
- wash and disinfect greenhouse tools often.
- immediately cleanup mess created from any greenhouse project. e.g., dead heading, trimming, or moving plant material.

Headhouse

1. Ongoing headhouse cleaning

- Workbench surfaces wiped daily with multi-surface cleaner.
- Floor swept daily.
- Blow dust/debris underneath workbench and storage shelves out and remove weekly.
- Immediately cleanup mess created from any headhouse project.
- All tools immediately returned to storage space after use.