

▣ **Company:**

Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia

▣ **Industry:**

Education

▣ **Challenge:**

To provide an effective cleaning and maintenance program that is safe for users and the environment

▣ **Solution:**

Avmor's EcoPure and Biomor Lines.

▣ **Results:**

Dalhousie University cleaning products have been reduced by 75%

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Dalhousie University's 15,500 students and 79-acre campus create an energetic community where diverse personalities and interests thrive – both inside and outside the classroom. Located in Halifax, Nova Scotia since 1818, Dalhousie is the proud alma mater of 85 Rhodes scholars. It is evident that the students and staff play a central role in putting Dalhousie on the map, attracting students from all over the world. It is for this reason that the University decided to switch to environmentally friendly products: to better safeguard the health and well-being of their staff and students, to contribute to improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) across campus buildings, as well as the environment at large.

The University conducted extensive research and product trials before deciding on an environmentally friendly product that met its requirements. The product had to meet the following specifications: (1) performance, (2) no banned or hazardous ingredients, (3) Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), (4) specific instructions on how to use the product, and (5) Ecologo certified. Based on these criteria, Dalhousie's Director of Environmental Health and Safety and custodian staff evaluated various green products. After extensive testing with various companies, Avmor's products performed the best. Ultimately, the University relied on the feedback of their cleaning and maintenance staff to choose the ideal products for its needs.

After having tested various brands, Dalhousie decided to implement Avmor's EcoPure and Biomor into its cleaning and maintenance program. These product lines met the University's various criteria, including superior performance, no harmful ingredients, while also having the added bonus of being fragrance-free. Dalhousie University is currently using Avmor's EP61 Glass and Surface Cleaner, EP64 Multi-Use Cleaner, EP65 Heavy Duty Degreaser, EP66 Disinfectant, EP67 Heavy Duty Industrial Degreaser, EP70 Washroom Cleaner, EP80 Multi-Use Floor Coating, EP71 Foam Soap, EP83 Floor Stripper and Biomor Fragrance-Free Odour Eliminator. The University is currently testing the EP75 Graffiti Remover and EP90 Oven and Grill Cleaner.

Dalhousie's cleaning staff has been extremely pleased with Avmor's products, particularly with the EP64 Multi-Use Cleaner. Not only is the product extremely effective, but it has been solely responsible for reducing the University's cleaning product inventory by 75%. The Biomor biological cleaning products are also favorites of Dalhousie's staff. The Biomor fragrance-free odour eliminator was able to get rid of tough odours, which other products could not do. "The support and training that Avmor provided was invaluable in helping us to implement the switch to green cleaning", remarked Michael Murphy, Manager of Environmental Services at Dalhousie University.

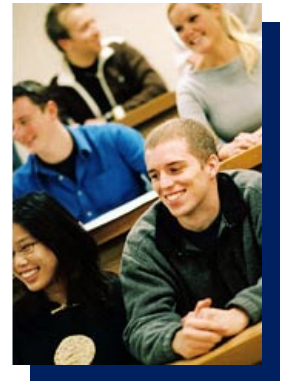
By adopting Avmor's products as part of a green cleaning program, Dalhousie has successfully responded to the concerns of its staff and students. Employees no longer complain about the toxic vapours emitted by conventional cleaning products, or about any skin or eye irritations caused by such products. The University is continuing to examine the implementation of various measures in its efforts to go green, including the use of green equipment. As one of Canada's leading universities, Dalhousie is widely recognized for outstanding academic quality and teaching, a broad range of educational and research opportunities, and now, for its commitment towards providing a safer and healthier environment.

## An Avmor Success Story

# Dalhousie University goes GREEN with Avmor's EcoPure & Biomor



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