IMPACT OF THE
GREEN JANITOR EDUCATION PROGRAM
A STUDY BY seedLA

Project Overview

SeedLA, a nonprofit that provides pro-bono consulting to environmental and public health organizations, undertook a research project for BSP’s Green Janitor Education Program (GJEP). The purpose of the project was to quantify the impact of the GJEP to date and strategize ways to expand the program to new buildings. Below are some key findings from the report.

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GJEP buildings use 5.6% less energy on average than non GJEP buildings.

76% of GJEP buildings saw a decrease in energy and water usage.

SeedLA highlighted the importance of implementing holistic sustainability practices and asserted the GJEP as "the easiest and least expensive green program for buildings to implement" (13).

SeedLA analyzed existing surveys given to janitors who have completed the GJEP. The survey results indicated positive changes in conservation behaviors both at the workplace and at home, demonstrating janitors’ knowledge and understanding of green concepts and a willingness to implement practices at home.

Conclusion

In summary, SeedLA concluded that the implementation of the GJEP leads to an overall decrease in electricity and water usage. In order to assess how the program fits into broader efforts of sustainability, SeedLA quantified the social, environmental, and economic impact as having a positive effect on the environment, buildings and communities. To read the full report, go to: www.buildingskills.org/programs/greenjanitor. For a list of responsible employers and industry partners, visit www.buildingskills.org/our-partners-and-funders/employers.