Post Construction Cleanup Can Be A Mess

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Post-construction cleanup can mean a few different things, depending on the nature of the tenant improvements and the obligations of the builder. But whatever the scenario, the bottom line is that a facility needs to get back to normal for business to resume.

Some contractors have been known to leave large items at a construction site. These can be pallets, cement blocks, discarded wood, demolition debris, piles of dirt, and things you cannot imagine. It will happen more often than you think. If your construction contract does not spell out who cleans the mess, you have a problem on your hands.

Your first instinct may be to assign the cleanup to the janitorial crew, if you have one. Construction cleanup falls beyond the scope of regular janitorial, so you probably need another plan. When considering an outside company, find one that offers a <u>full range of services</u> and can get the job done quickly. Wasted time can seriously impact when you get back to business fulltime.

Maybe you hired the one general contractor who cleaned up everything. That's great, but you still have a long way to go before passing the white glove test. Drywall dust can coat every surface, from floor to ceiling and requires a meticulous cleaning team. Unprotected flooring can require extensive cleaning or restoration. Stray screws can wreak havoc on beautiful hardwood floors or car tires in the <u>parking lot</u>. Landscape greenery can suffer from dust or trampling. Trash collection areas and dumpsters can be damaged from hard use.

At the time that you hire a construction cleanup company, you might not even know the final condition of the property. That is why it is important to hire a company that has experience and skill in all of these areas: construction, construction cleanup, janitorial, hauling, landscaping, floor care, pressure washing, hardscape, trash zones, and facility maintenance.







Here are just some of the services that have been required during post-construction cleanup:

- Power wash exteriors and paved surfaces
- Haul away lumber and debris
- Clean entryways and elevators
- Clean walls and remove scuff marks
- Dust ceilings, light fixtures, and ceiling fans
- Clean wall trim, baseboards, and molding
- Wipe all door surfaces and hardware
- Deep clean carpets, grout, and hard surface floors
- Clean windows, sills, tracks and frames
- Scour restroom fixtures and facilities
- Remove trash, plastic covers, and stickers

- Resurface and restripe parking lot
- Rehabilitate <u>landscape</u>
- Sanitize indoor environments
- Prepare for move-in and tenant readiness

Cleaning drywall dust, adhesive residue, and other construction byproducts requires special handling. You want to make sure that the company you contract with for construction cleanup uses personal protective equipment (PPE) to safeguard employees and tenants. A reputable company will also provide proof of bonding, licensing, and insurance.

Besides planned construction, other events can lead to construction activity which may require cleanup. These include a natural disaster, mass protest, and break-in. When demand suddenly skyrockets, it is ideal if you already have a working relationship with a company that can handle your emergency needs. Contracting janitorial or dayporter services with a company that can also respond effectively to emergency situations is one solution.

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