

Building healthy spaces TM

Saving Costs on Workplace Hygiene A Free Guide



About Citron Hygiene

Citron Hygiene is a hygiene solutions provider with a global presence in the UK, USA and Canada. We are passionate about building healthy spaces in the places where people live, work and play. Together, we want to help create safe and hygienic workplace environments for all who come and go.





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Achieve the balance between reducing costs and offering a safe and hygienic facility...

While hygiene has always been important, the pandemic has meant workplaces and individuals have had to take attention to hygiene more seriously in order to keep people safe and protected. For businesses, an increased emphasis on hygiene has meant investment in solutions that previously may not have been considered. Increased spend can be difficult for businesses to accommodate, but in order to meet growing expectations and assure people that your facility is safe, investment in hygiene solutions cannot be overlooked, neither should they be.

Problems with cash flow, ongoing financial recovery from the pandemic and the impact of Brexit on the economy, may mean that your business is continually looking for ways to save costs. While you may think one way to save costs could be to no longer invest in as many hygiene solutions as during the height of the pandemic, this guide can show you the true value of maintaining hygiene for your business and is aimed at helping you understand how you can save costs but maintain workplace hygiene at the same time.





The True Value of Strong Facility Hygiene

When looking to save costs, it's important to remember the potential return from investing. With hygiene expectations staying high, investing in solutions can bring a number of benefits.



Improved employee engagement and wellbeing



Less employee absenteeism



Increased productivity and output



Less accidents at work



Increased customer footfall and repeat visits



Increased sales and profits



Positive impact on the environment

Can you afford not to invest in the best hygiene solutions to keep your workforce safe?





£77.5 billion

...the amount sick leave costs the UK economy

5.8

...the average number of sick days taken by employees per year

40%

...the percentage of absences that are due to mental health

£16.2 billion

...the cost of workplace self-reported injuries





Switch to Modern Hand Dryers

Older models of hand dryers can be highly inefficient and, if you haven't replaced your hand dryers recently, now may be the time to do so. Old hand dryers that are not well maintained mean they are more likely to have problems that include costly repairs. Failure to provide working hand dryers may lead to employee and customer complaints and poor hand hygiene practices too. Not only this, but new hand dryers are also faster, leading to higher usage and increased flow of traffic inside your washroom. Because they are faster and more efficient, installing a newer model can also use far less energy and equate to big cost savings.

Top Tip: When deciding whether to opt for hand dryers or paper towels as a hand drying solution, think about the long-term costs. While hand dryers may have a higher upfront investment, think about the lifetime cost of replacement paper towels, dispensers and waste bins. Plus, think about the environmental factor. Ongoing manufacturing, packaging and shipment of paper towels from forest to delivery and then the removal and disposal of paper waste can all lead to higher costs and much higher carbon footprint in comparison to hand dryers.





£600
Annual
Saving
using hand
dryers

An average business where 150 hand dries are performed each day, 6 days a week, could save up to £600 installing hand dryers instead of paper towels.





Invest in Water Management Solutions

It may seem counter-intuitive, but investing in water management solutions can actually help your business save costs on water and be kind to the environment at the same time. Your workplace inevitably needs to use water to ensure strong hygiene practices; from people being able to wash hands and flush toilets, to dishwashing and cleaning floors. In Winter, your workplace will use more water naturally from having radiators switched on too. However, savings can be made on this increasingly scarce resource. Consider implementing modern flush systems to turn traditional cisterns into variable systems that can save up to 10L of water every flush. Installing a <u>Smart Water Meter</u> could also prove invaluable as this handy little fixture can help you intelligently track water usage and identify where water is being wasted in your business.

Did you know? The UK could see water shortages by 2050 if action is not taken to conserve supplies.







Lay Entrance Mats

Accidents at work can incur a number of financial costs including sick leave, healthcare costs and production costs. A large majority of injuries and accidents can be prevented with the right training and preventative measures in place. Slips and trips are the most common workplace accident, often happening as a result of wet or dirty floors. This is why laying effective mats that trap dirt and moisture at entrance points and other areas where there could be moisture, can help to reduce accidents and in turn, save costs.

Did you know? Slips and trips account for 50% of all workplace accidents.



Partner with a Hygiene Solutions Provider

Without proper training or equipment, the costs incurred by managing your own hygiene can be far higher than looking to outsource your facility and washroom hygiene services. It's vital that people follow correct procedures and adhere to legislation, and you can be assured that you will get this by partnering with a hygiene company with the expertise.

Outsourcing your workplace hygiene services, no matter the size of your business, can ensure higher levels of productivity and efficiency, provide a healthy and safe environment that customers will return to and that employees can do their best work in, and can reduce your costs too. An experienced company will also provide expert advice on what solutions can actually help you to save costs, and they can assist you in areas like managing stock levels, so you don't have to worry about someone within your team working on this and taking time to do so. Partnering with a company that can offer all the services you need; from floorcare, to waste, to washroom hygiene, makes a difference too, as you only have to deal with one provider who can do it all.



Go Automatic



While manual or automatic hand soap or hand sanitiser dispensers will both be effective at delivering good hand hygiene, switching to handsfree, automatic dispensers will help to save you costs on washroom refills. Operated by infra-red sensors, touch-free dispensers provide just the right amount of product to the user. A manual dispenser means the user may dispense more product on their hands than they actually need. Automatic dispensers produce less waste and provide a cleaner environment as less product will drip on to your washroom surfaces.

Less Water = Less Refills = Lower Costs



Use Product Dispensers

Automatic dispensers may help you save costs but the presence of ANY sort of dispenser will help you too. Take toilet rolls that are scattered on ledges in cubicles or, paper towels in baskets on the side. This can lead to the user taking as much as they please, not to mention overtime your washroom becoming messy and therefore, putting your customers off from coming back to your business again. Proper dispensers help control the amount of product a user uses and are a cost-effective way of keeping products safe, secure, and free from contamination.

Did you know? Studies have shown that an effective dispenser will reduce the amount of toilet paper used.



	Checklist	Yes No
1.	Has your business installed energy-efficient hand dryers?	
2.	Does your business use an outsourced hygiene provider?	
3.	Does your business use a single provider for all hygiene services?	
4.	Does your business use product dispensers within the washroom?	
5.	Has your business got a water management plan in place?	
6.	Does your business use water management solutions?	
8.	Do you have effective floor mats in place in your workplace?	
9.	Does your business use automatic, motion sensor fixtures of any sort?	
10.	Has your business done an audit of all the costs spent on hygiene?	

Scoring and Results •





How many actions did you tick off?

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You have a big opportunity to reduce costs in your business by investing in solutions you may not have thought of. Talk to Citron Hygiene to find out how we can help.

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You are making conscious steps to review where and how you can save costs on facility hygiene in your business however there is still opportunity to further decrease costs.

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You are achieving high levels of hygiene in your business but doing this cost-effectively. Speak to Citron Hygiene to see whether there are further opportunities to reduce costs in your business.



Cost-Saving Solutions from Citron Hygiene

94% of customers agreed that Citron Hygiene provides them with value for money.

Citron Hygiene offer a wide range of hygiene solutions that not only ensure the best employee and customer experience but can help to save costs too. Our solutions encompass washroom hygiene, floorcare, waste disposal and water and energy management, so you can be assured you have the complete package if you partner with us.

Our cost-saving solutions include our intelligent <u>Smart Water Meter</u>, <u>urinal hygiene solutions</u>, a wide range of automatic and manual dispensers for products such as <u>hand sanitiser</u>, <u>hand soap</u> and <u>toilet roll</u> to <u>entrance mats</u> that can help to reduce workplace accidents.

<u>Find out about our solutions on the Citron Hygiene website today</u> or get in touch with us using the details below.

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