Floor Stripping Standard Procedure
SPPS Buildings

**Benefit of stripping:** Removes all embedded soils, discoloration, scratches, built up wax, and other marks that can make the floor look unacceptable.

**Equipment Needed:** Wet floor signs, appropriate PPE, wet mops, mop buckets, edging tool, single disc floor scrubber, floor stripping pad (High Pro is best or black), wet vacuum, razor scrapers, squeegee

**Chemicals Needed:** Franklin Offense Floor Stripper

**Instructions:**

1. Gather all needed supplies and safety equipment.

2. Always wear the proper Personal Protective Equipment including footwear.

3. Remove all dirt by dust mopping floor using dry cleaning procedures.

4. Position wet floor signs and tape off area.

5. Fill mop bucket with Floor Stripper solution mixing 4 parts water, 1 part stripper.

6. Fill second and third mop bucket with clean cool water.

7. Install floor stripping (High Pro) pads on drive block of single disc machine.

8. Liberally apply Floor Stripper solution using a wet mop to small manageable sections.
   - Allow to dwell 5-10 minutes, even longer on heavy buildup areas.
   - Do not allow Floor Stripper solution to dry on the floor. Re-wet area if necessary.

9. Strip with single disc machine and floor stripping pad.
   - Multiple passes over the same floor area may be required to insure adequate stripping
   - If drying occurs re-apply stripper solution or cold water
   - Use the edging tool (doodlebug)or razor scraper to strip areas the machine can’t get
   - Razor scrapers will be needed in heavily built up areas, a dustpan may be needed to collect excess wax

10. When it appears all wax is off of floor, pick up dirty solution with a wet vacuum.

11. Rinse floor and baseboards with clean water and a mop making sure to remove any residual stripping solution. Several rinses and clean mop water changes may be necessary.

12. Allow the floor to completely dry before removing wet floor signs.

13. Clean all equipment and return to storage area. Do this immediately so wax doesn’t harden on equipment.