

## Cleaning for Seniors in Assisted Living

If you are responsible for maintaining an assisted living facility, you know your greatest dilemma is finding a multi-purpose cleaning product that is strong enough to eliminate odors, kill common bacteria and viruses, yet can be used around sensitive immune systems.

If you are managing one of the assisted living residences in the Michigan-based Retirement Living Management (RLM) network, you may have found the answer with hydrogen peroxide-based H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> Concentrate 117 Multi-Purpose Cleaner-Sanitizer-Virucide-HBV.

### Home Atmosphere Kept Odor-Free

A distinguishing trademark of a RLM facility is the home-like atmosphere combined with just the right amount of assistance for maximum independence. The management company has eleven facilities throughout Michigan, including The Wooden Rocker in Mt. Pleasant and Green Acres Retirement Living in Cadillac. These locations offer a variety of living arrangements from bedrooms with private or connecting bathrooms to cozy apartment-type living areas with a small kitchenette, living room, private bedroom and bathroom. These floor plans provide flexibility for the direct care personnel to adapt appropriate assistance levels for each resident.

With this home-like environment, it is important to keep it smelling fresh and clean, but not like a harsh disinfectant. At Green Acres Retirement Living, the staff uses H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub>



*Assisted living facilities in the Michigan-based RLM network rely on H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> Concentrate 117 for cleaning power and deodorizing effectiveness.*

“We have found it extremely effective in controlling odors,” she continues, “especially in the apartments of residents with some incontinence.”

She notes there was one room that presented a particularly difficult challenge. No matter how many times it was cleaned, an odor continued to permeate into the hallway. Once the staff started using H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> 117, the odor was finally controlled.

### Linens and Laundry

Following the success of using H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> 117 throughout the facility, Green Acres discovered another use for the product. “We had a resident who was experiencing incontinence, so we needed to wash the linens each day,” explains O’Brien. “We saw how well H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> 117 worked in the bathrooms, so we tried it in the laundry. The urine smell was completely gone!” The staff now regularly adds H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> 117 to the laundry loads.

### Cleaning for Sensitive Immune Systems

The RLM facilities strive to provide the healthiest and cleanest environment for their residents, particularly because seniors seem to have more sensitive immune systems. It is important to the staff that H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> 117 is EPA registered to kill common bacteria and viruses, including staph, Influenza A2 and the Hepatitis B virus.

Assisted living residences provide some challenging maintenance issues, but with hydrogen peroxide-based H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> Concentrate 117 Multi-Purpose Cleaner-Sanitizer-Virucide-HBV, the dilemma is solved.

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117 almost exclusively for all their maintenance needs. “We use H<sub>2</sub>Orange<sub>2</sub> 117 in our direct care needs, as well as in the kitchen and for heavy-duty maintenance,” explains Tara O’Brien, LPN and facility administrator at Green Acres.