

NEWS BRIEFLY: Business school first to receive eco-friendly soap in restrooms

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Starting today, UT students can wash their hands with environmentally friendly foam soap.

Custodial Services is installing new soap dispensers in academic buildings on campus, starting with the McCombs School of Business. The new soap is certified as “environmentally responsible” by the nonprofit group Green Seal.

Foam soap is less wasteful than the liquid soap currently used in campus bathrooms, said Sally Moore, associate director for Facilities Services. Moore said the new dispensers only dispense 0.4 milliliters of soap at a time, whereas the liquid soap dispensers meter out 2 milliliters.

“It’s a significant reduction in the amount of soap you need to wash your hands,” Moore said. “It’s going to decrease the amount of soap going into waste service.”

Moore said installing dispensers in all the bathrooms could take about three to four months to complete.

The transition could save about \$10,000 per year in labor costs, because the dispensers will not have to be refilled as often if people use less soap, Moore said.

“We’re hoping everyone will embrace that you need less of this soap,” she said. “One little squirt is gonna do the job just fine.”