

## Kärcher's Commitment to Thank Your <u>Cleaner Day</u>

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In the fast-paced world we live in, cleanliness and hygiene have never been more important. As public health concerns rise, it's essential to appreciate the often-overlooked individuals who play a critical role in keeping our environments safe, hygienic, and productive. Thank Your Cleaner Day, initiated in 2015, is a global movement designed by Kärcher to spotlight the hard work of professional cleaners, and takes place on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kärcher, a leader in cleaning technology, is at the forefront of this initiative, partnering with local organisations and customers to ensure cleaners receive the recognition they deserve.

The Importance of Cleaners in Our Society

Cleaning, often underestimated, is an essential pillar of modern society. In a world increasingly focused on health and safety, cleaning staff contribute directly to our well-being by reducing the spread of illness and infection. As Ethan Miller, Head of Sales – Facilities Management and Hospitality) at Kärcher UK, puts it: "A clean environment not only ensures safety but also enhances comfort, productivity, and morale in both professional and public spaces."

Beyond the immediate impact on health, a well-maintained environment fosters positivity and efficiency. Cleaner spaces not only feel better to be in but also support a healthier mental state, contributing to overall workplace satisfaction. Whether in offices, schools, healthcare facilities, or public buildings, the work of cleaners is vital to maintaining these spaces and creating an atmosphere where people can thrive.

However, despite their critical role, cleaners often work behind the scenes, unnoticed and unappreciated.



These unsung heroes work tirelessly during off-hours, maintaining spaces we rely on every day. The Thank Your Cleaner Day movement is a step towards changing that narrative, making sure these professionals are celebrated for the work they do.

The Origins of Thank Your Cleaner Day

Thank Your Cleaner Day has been supported by CSSA for over 50 years since 1966. They have provided a national voice for contract cleaning companies all over the UK to continue to build a better and stronger business in the cleaning industry. Since its inception, the initiative has grown globally, recognising cleaners from various industries for their often unseen but invaluable efforts. The day offers a dedicated moment for office workers, employers, and the general public to thank cleaning professionals for their work.

As a company deeply embedded in the cleaning industry, Kärcher has taken a proactive role in promoting this movement. Their continued involvement highlights their commitment not only to technological innovation in cleaning but also to supporting the people who operate these tools and services. As Ethan Miller explains, Kärcher's involvement in Thank Your Cleaner Day "aligns with our mission of social responsibility and sustainability, ensuring that every cleaner feels appreciated and valued."

Kärcher's Plans for the Future of Thank Your Cleaner Day

For Kärcher, Thank Your Cleaner Day is more than a single-day event—it's part of a broader effort to shine a light on the cleaning industry. Looking to the future, Ethan Miller and the team at Kärcher have ambitious plans to evolve this concept. With the aim to educate on how we can all do our bit to keep public spaces cleaner grow public awareness. and encourage businesses to celebrate the day and work in partnership with other companies by holding events to honour cleaners and their contributions.

Kärcher's vision for the future includes focusing on individual cleaners rather than congratulating companies as a whole. This shift is designed to ensure that the hardworking people behind the cleaning are recognised for their personal dedication. The company also plans to continue raising awareness about the day-to-day challenges faced by cleaners, tasks that are often taken for granted by the rest of society. These efforts will serve to elevate the profession and attract new talent, ensuring the high standards of the industry are maintained.

"People don't usually set out to become cleaners," Ethan explains, "but they enter the field and realise just how vital their work is. We want to change this, encouraging people to actively pursue careers in cleaning, which will help maintain and even elevate industry standards." Kärcher's long-term strategy is to celebrate cleaning as a career of choice, recognising the essential role it plays in maintaining public health and wellbeing.

## The Broader Impact of Cleaning on Society

Thank Your Cleaner Day isn't just about appreciation—it's about understanding the deeper importance of the cleaning industry. In recent years, especially following the global pandemic, the value of cleanliness has been thrust into the spotlight. Regular cleaning reduces the transmission of germs and allergens, making shared spaces like offices, schools, and public buildings safer for everyone. This contribution is invaluable to the overall quality of life.



Moreover, the cleaning industry provides employment opportunities for millions of people globally, fostering community well-being by providing stable jobs. Cleaners are essential to both economic stability and public health, and their work deserves recognition on both a local and global scale.

As Ethan Miller reflects on the current state of the industry, he notes that it is evolving rapidly, with new technologies and practices aimed at improving efficiency and sustainability. Kärcher continues to invest heavily in research and development to create better cleaning solutions, ensuring that the industry moves forward while maintaining its critical importance to public health.

Ethan Miller emphasises, "Thank Your Cleaner Day is an opportunity to show gratitude to those who work hard to make our environments better every day. It's time for all of us to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions of cleaners."

As the cleaning industry continues to grow and evolve, so too will the recognition of those who dedicate their lives to making the world a cleaner, healthier place. With the help of organisations like Kärcher, Thank Your Cleaner Day will remain an important reminder of the essential role cleaners play in our daily lives, and the industry will continue to receive the appreciation and respect it so richly deserves.