



Great Lakes Power Vac

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Are You Ready for OSHA's New Silica Rule?



Crystalline silica—a component of sand, stone, rock, concrete, brick, mortar, and other industrial materials—can be found in a wide variety of workplaces including foundries, glass and pottery manufacturing, concrete products manufacturing, and a broad array of construction industries. Very small, respirable particles of silica dust (<10 microns diameter) can penetrate deep into the lungs and cause harmful and sometimes fatal lung diseases including silicosis and lung cancer. OSHA's new Silica Rule, soon to go into effect, will lower PELs (Permissible Exposure Limits) and require industries to step up their housekeeping efforts as one of many employee protection measures required under the new standards.

This is where GLPV can be of service. We can help maintain a safe and compliant workplace through the removal of combustible dusts and other contaminants from beams, trusses, ceilings walls, and other interior surfaces. GLPV provides overhead cleaning and other facility maintenance services using the most advanced equipment and employee know-how in the industrial cleaning industry. We have a long track record of providing periodic, deep cleaning services to foundries, printers, and pulp and paper manufacturers throughout the Midwest. Now that we are entering the winter months, when plant shutdowns are common, the timing is perfect for undertaking such inside facility maintenance work.

If you have a need for such services, call us at (262) 542-5542.

Save the Trees Project

Great Lakes Power Vac played an important role in working to revitalize 56 beautiful silver maple trees surrounding the [State Capitol](#) recently. The trees were languishing because the soil in which they were planted was too acidic. Needing to act quickly, the state consulted R. Bruce Allison of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology to help develop a plan to save the trees. Following Allison's expert findings and recommendations, the state decided to amend the soil to reduce its acid content.



Each tree was planted in an 8' by 8' metal-lined tree bed covered with stone and topped with a protective metal grate. Our job was to help the state access the soil by vacuuming the pea gravel and removing the landscaping cloth that covered the trees' root systems. Because cold weather was fast approaching, time was of the essence. Over the course of two days, GLPV vacuumed 12 inches of pea gravel (originally estimated to be only 3 to 5 inches deep) which covered the soil. Immediately upon completion of the rock removal, the state was able to begin the process of amending the soil. Although we vacuumed significantly more pea gravel than was originally estimated by the State, GLPV was able to respond quickly to mobilize additional equipment and labor in order to complete the job on time.

V & F Roofing

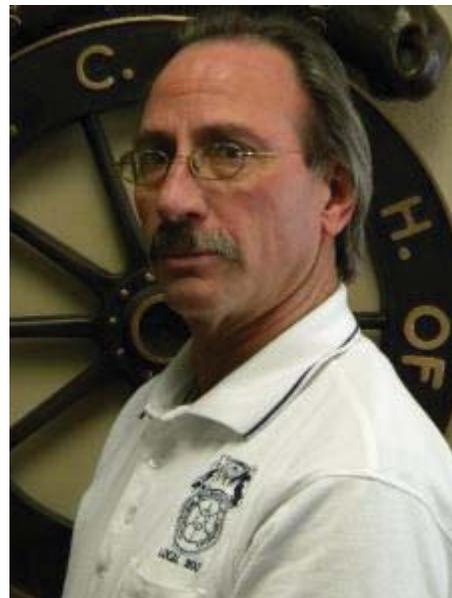
While working at a Milwaukee area hospital, GLPV balanced efficiency with flexibility. The challenge was to vacuum approximately 45,000 square feet of ballast rock off a hospital roof to make way for a new roof installation. With a four-person crew and two Supersucker® trucks, GLPV was very flexible about the work hours, performing the work during only certain time periods to minimize patients' and staff's exposure to noise.



Even as the scope of work expanded and inclement weather caused delays, we made scheduling adjustments and kept returning to the site to continue the vacuuming. Project Manager John Rogers of [V&F Roofing](#) appreciated the flexibility of GLPV and the other contractors and trades involved. He said, "Up until days before, we wouldn't know the schedule. We had only one access point to the area of construction." Also, "We couldn't remove the (old) roofing material until the other (new) roofing was installed." He emphasized, "Coordination worked out well for all trades and contractors involved on a tight schedule."

GLPV Mourns the Loss of Mike Gurich, Teamsters Local 200

On Monday, December 5th, 2016, Mike Gurich, Construction Business Agent for Teamsters Local 200 and longtime GLPV union representative and friend, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Mike will be remembered by his family, friends, and business acquaintances for his ready smile, keen sense of humor, lengthy stories, and heart of gold. GLPV will honor the memory of Mike with a donation to his designated memorial fund to build a veteran outreach home down at the old Teamsters Local 43 location. Mike's family and friends remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Latest Addition



GLPV is happy to introduce the latest addition to its already-impressive fleet of trucks: the 2017 Supersucker® Industrial Vacuum Loader by [Super Products](#). Its high-power airflow moves solids, liquids, sludge, and slurries through suction lines up to 8" in diameter, making it ideal for industrial waste removal, bulk material delivery, and environmental cleanups.

Western Utility



GLPV recently signed a General Services Agreement with [Western Utility](#), a leading Illinois utility services company. Our first project together involved vacuuming slurry from a horizontal directional drilling (HDD) process. HDD is a steerable, trenchless procedure for installing underground pipe, cable, or conduit in a shallow arc along a prescribed bore path by using a surface-launched drilling rig. HDD is a rapidly growing sector of the civil engineering and construction industries, as this method of drilling results in minimal impact to the surrounding area. The project consisted of the installation of approximately 3,800 LF of 8 inch ductile iron water main and new services, primarily installed by directional drilling, for the entire subdivision of Ridgecrest in the city of Morris, IL. Says Project Manager Matt Welton of Western Utility: "We enjoyed working with Great Lakes Power Vac. They were responsive, flexible, and very professional." Given our commitment to cleaner, safer, and better environments, GLPV was happy to support this eco-friendly process.