



Ucluelet small business, Mint Cleaning, lands contract with Big Island Grocer

(Vancouver Island, BC) January 26, 2023 – Mint Cleaning is excited to announce that its products are now available at Quality Foods Grocery locations across Vancouver Island. Ucluelet's Mint Cleaning business owners Robyn Mair and Monika Scott recently signed a contract with Quality Foods' head buyer Mike Dziadyk to stock six of Mint's products. The six products will be available in all of Quality Foods' 13 locations from Campbell River to the Langford location.

Quality Foods' head buyer's wife, Regan, was a champion and lover of Mint products and told Dziadyk to consider adding them to the chain.

It's a sweet story of a small company growing. The Mint duo sent out samples and were thrilled when they received the first order. They have since received a second order from Quality Foods and are excited about the partnership.

"Having our products available in Quality Foods means more people will see them and be able to try them and that's huge for our business," says Mair. "We are passionate about showing people that eco-friendly, non-toxic products can do the same job, and better, than the harsh chemicals we are so used to using. We are really happy Quality Foods gave our small business a chance and we look forward to seeing the partnership grow."

Residents across the island can now purchase the following products at Quality Foods:

- All Purpose Cleaner
- Glass Cleaner
- Cleaning Scrub
- Floor Wash
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap

The move from small orders to big ones didn't happen overnight. Mint credits their opportunity to be in the Jilly Box as a teaching moment. Scott explained that they had to fill, label, and box up 15,000 jars of cleaning scrub. After the Jilly Box, the two wondered what was next in their tale of continued business growth.

"We are extremely grateful for the success we've had so far and the support of all of our customers," says Scott. "We always had big visions for where we would take the company and seeing those visions come to life still feels very surreal."

As the products come to a larger market audience, Mint is clear about their original intentions of highlighting eco-friendly, non-toxic products while maintaining the importance of refilleries. The duo prides themselves on making products that are safe, non-toxic, and eco-friendly.

For more information on Mint Cleaning and the full product line please visit www.mintcleaningproducts.com.

About Mint Cleaning:

In 2016, Monika Scott and Robyn Mair met in a parent group over discussions about their post-maternity leave plans. Neither of the women knew each other. They quickly had a plan to open a cleaning business. Ucluelet and its neighboring town of Tofino are known for hosting visitors at hotels and vacation rentals creating a high demand for good, reliable cleaners. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the creation of their own cleaning product line came to be. The business' idea to create their own non-toxic and eco-friendly products came from a place of personal health and safety. The duo used those big company chemicals when they first started but that changed when Mair, a non-smoker, had an x-ray show scarring on her lungs. Scott added that she had health symptoms that she didn't attribute to chemical products until Mair's incident. Since the creation of their first product in March 2020, the Cleaning Scrub, Mint Cleaning now has 19 products, including collaborations, ranging from laundry detergent to floor cleaner. The products are meant for all areas of a home or business, and Mint also sells refill options which is extremely important to them.

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