

## Safer Paint Stripping Product Goes to Market

Consumers will soon have a safer alternative to dangerous paint strippers that have claimed dozens of lives around the country, thanks to a new formula developed by Greg Morose of TURI and students from UMass Lowell.

The new product will be available on store shelves through a licensing agreement between the university and SRD NEWGEN.

It will be marketed under the [Super Remover](#) brand and will be available on store shelves within a few months.

Earlier this year, the EPA announced plans to finalize a ban on the use of methylene chloride in paint-stripping products. Some retailers - including Home Depot, Lowe's, Sherwin Williams and Walmart - have already committed to take such products off store shelves.



The product will be manufactured by partners in the U.S. and Canada, including at [US Pack](#) in Leominster, Mass.

[Read the press release.](#)  
[Watch the video.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Fall 2018 Continuing Education Conference

Tuesday, Nov. 13,  
Westborough

[Read about the session topics and register.](#)



Featuring speaker Martin Wolf, Director of Product Sustainability & Authenticity of Seventh Generation. [Register Now.](#)

### Spring 2019 Continuing Education Conference

Save the Date:  
Thursday, April 4, Devens

*To keep up to date as we finalize webinars, demos and workshops, visit [www.turi.org](http://www.turi.org)*

## Gymnastics Studio Switches to Non-Flame Retardant Foam Pit Cubes



*Owner Janine Walsh was surprised to learn that the foam pit cubes contained chemicals that could harm children. [Watch the video.](#)*

Janine Walsh, owner of Walker's Gymnastics and Dance in Lowell, purchased non-flame retardant foam pit cubes with the help of a [TURI small business grant](#).

The foam cubes that are used in gymnastics facilities cushion the landings of youngsters. Unfortunately, over a decade of research indicates that some flame retardants can harm the developing brain, have been linked to cancer as well as reproductive health issues and several are considered endocrine disruptors (mimic hormones and disrupt the thyroid hormone system). Read a [new study](#) on occupational exposure to flame retardants in gymnastics studios by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Learn about WPI research results on the flammability of the cubes with and without the flame retardants [on our website](#).

## Meet the TUR Planner Certification Course Students of 2018



Sixteen people recently completed the [Toxics Use Reduction Planner Certification Course](#), which provides the skills and tools to create a TUR plan or improve an existing one. The students are eligible to take the state exam to become a Certified TUR Planner.

In the photo, from left:

- Tim Kucab, Tighe & Bond
- Michael Devarenne, MA/COM
- Lindsey Pollard, TURI
- Carl Peterson, Borden & Remington
- Stephen Klosz, St. Gobain
- Cierra MacLeod, Merrimack Environmental LLC
- Jeffrey Fehlmann, Ideal Tape Company
- Joe Callahan, Environmental Strategies & Management, Inc.
- Vlad Tumasyan, Westfield Electroplating
- Kristine Davies, Trinity Consulting
- Ann Battersby (behind Kristine), Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- Doug Stellato, Tighe & Bond
- Celia Reichel, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
- George Bianco, EBI Consulting
- Alan Gilbert, Kettle Cuisine
- Michele McCaughey, RIDEM

## TURI Hosts Ideas to Innovation Tour

TURI recently gave attendees an inside look into UMass Lowell's new technology complex at 110 Canal Street in Lowell.

The tour highlighted the integration of sustainability and toxics use reduction into innovative solutions. Attendees toured:

- [Fabric Discovery Center \(FDC\)](#) - equipment used for textile processing, assembly and finishing.
- [SHAP3D](#) - innovative 3D printing capabilities using new material feed stocks.
- [Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center \(M2D2\)](#)
- The [New England Robotics Validation and Experimentation \(NERVE\) Center](#) (in the photo)
- [Fashion Makerspace](#)
- [UMass Lowell Innovation Hub \(iHub\)](#)



*TURI offers services & programs to reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water while enhancing the competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses.*

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