

LEAN LINE



Standardizing Shut-Downs

When employees think of a better way to do something, develop written instructions, or standardize processes, they are contributing to our Lean culture. Lean is not “something extra” to do but rather an integral part of our everyday work at Grunau.

The 3 processes mentioned above follow Lean Construction principles and were recently encompassed in some simple but effective documents for one of our customers. A Grunau plumber worked with 2 office personnel to develop a set of “Winter Shut-down Instructions” for several of the mechanical systems that are not used during the winter months at MillerCoors.

Having instructions written down helps error-proof the processes and makes sure nothing is missed when it is time to shut down systems for the season. These instructions include photos since visuals always help illustrate what words mean and can be a quicker point of reference than reading a title.

The set of instructions is shown here. We encourage you to always be thinking about better ways to accomplish what you do and contribute to Grunau’s Lean culture. Let us know what you come up with!

