



## Wet Your APPetite

Terry Byerly

Discover the best apps for making your job easier

Welcome to the newest column in Facilitator, Wet Your APPetite. This column was created based on the positive feedback we received from the 2014 RFMA session titled "Smartphone Apps and Websites for the Facility Professional." If you were able to attend the session, I hope you had a chance to download and use some of the apps featured.

Along with some great feedback, I also learned about some of your favorite apps from the session evaluations. I hope to highlight some of them in future Wet Your APPetite columns. If you were not able to attend the session, the presentation is now available on the RFMA website under the Resource Library tab under Conference Education. The posted presentation includes the speaker notes, names of the apps that were highlighted and recommended websites.

Each issue's Wet Your APPetite column will highlight two smartphone/ tablet applications (more commonly referred to as apps) that help the facility professional be more productive, organized, effective, and maybe even provide a little fun along the way. My column will mainly feature free apps, but if an app incurs a fee, I will make a note about that. App prices do vary, so please understand the cost can be a moving target.

In the coming months, we'll cover apps that will help restaurant facility professionals in the field and office. We'll also discuss apps that will help service providers stay connected with customers and employees in the field. We will feature apps that fall into one of the following categories: social, commerce, facilities, travel, organization or productivity. Wet Your APPetite will not be an in-depth tutorial on how to download or use different apps, but rather an introduction to the benefits of using apps in the facility professionals' workplace. More in-depth information about the apps featured can be found on the Apple store or Google Play.

Technology is always changing, and new apps are released daily. I'm excited to go on this technology journey with you and hope to provide you with some helpful apps along the way. If you discover any apps you would like to suggest for future issues, please send them to [apps@rfmaonline.com](mailto:apps@rfmaonline.com). If we feature your recommended app in an upcoming column, we'll be sure to credit you for the suggestion and you'll receive a small token of our appreciation.

Thanks for checking out Wet Your APPetite. See you next issue with more helpful apps for the facility professional.

DocScan (Organization)

Recommended by: Jesse Bergen at Brinker International and Tom Kay with EnTouch

DocScan (IFUNPLAY CO., LTD) is available in both a free and paid version and supports Apple products only (sorry, Android users). The latest version (8.2) in the App Store has a five-star rating. The program allows you to scan documents with an iPhone or iPad and save them as a PDF. It will even auto detect and correct curled documents. Once scanned, you can add a freehand drawing or enter text notes. When you save the documents, the app allows you to organize them into folders. You can share your files via email, WiFi or AirPrint, or even upload your docs to Facebook so your family, friends and co-workers can have access to them. You can also upgrade for \$1.99 to DocScan Pro, which allows you to upload to Dropbox, Evernote, Box, SkyDrive, Google Docs or WebDAV. This app is very handy when you are in the field and don't have access to a copy machine. Have a document (like floor plans) you don't want to damage with scribbled notes? Just snap a picture, add your text notes or freehand drawings on the scanned copy and send it off to the cloud.

My Favorite Features:

- Easy to use; the scan quality is excellent as long as the lighting is sufficient
- Filing system is simple and effective
- Includes a user guide that explains all the features

Bubble Level (Productivity)

Referred by: Jesse Bergen with Brinker International

Bubble Level (Lemondo Entertainment) operates on both Apple and Android operating systems and is available for free. (There is a version without ads for \$0.99.) The latest version (2.1) in the App Store has a 4+ star rating. The app has three apps in one: Bubble Level, Surface Meter and Inclinometer. The bubble level includes the degree of an angle if you wanted to measure a non-level surface, such as the angle of a handicap ramp. The surface meter is great for checking if a table, shelf or countertop is perfectly level. The Inclinometer (also known as tilt meter) will track the inclination of a vehicle, which is great if you like to drive your 4x4 off-road.

My Favorite Features:

- Crisp, high-resolution graphics
- All three tools are highly accurate
- Perfect for doing a punch list at a new/remodeled restaurant

Terry Byerly is the Senior Manager of Facilities for Pizza Hut and has 16 years of experience in facilities maintenance. Byerly currently serves on the RFMA Advisory Council and has a bachelor's degree in Information Systems.

[VIEW ALL ARTICLES](#)