

Hazardous Material in Schools**Green Cleaning Program**

To reduce exposure of school building occupants to potentially hazardous chemical contaminants, a Green Cleaning Program will be implemented that requires compliance with the following guidelines:

1. In order to comply with the policy pertaining to green cleaning and applicable state statute, the District shall specify, buy and use where practicable, only Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) in District owned and leased facilities.
2. Vendors that are contracted by the District to perform janitorial and custodial services are also required to use, wherever practicable, Environmentally Preferable Products in the execution of their contractual obligations to the District.
3. Cleaning products regulated by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, such as disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners and sanitizers are excluded from this policy.
4. Also excluded are products (1) for which no Department of Administrative Services (DAS)-approved certification program has established a guideline or environmental standard, (2) that fall outside the scope of such guidelines or standards, or (3) that are otherwise excluded under such guidelines or standards.
5. Environmentally Preferable Products which are a part of the District's Green Cleaning Program include products which must be approved by a DAS-approved national or international certification program. This includes general purpose, bathroom, glass and carpet cleaners, hand cleaners and soaps, and floor finishes and strippers.
6. The DAS has contracts in place with vendors to provide EPP cleaners and sanitizers. The District shall utilize this resource whenever possible and fiscally worthwhile.
7. The following steps shall be taken when procuring EPP products:
 - a. Determine the need and intended use for the cleaning product and review the options for EPP cleaners and sanitizers available. EPP items shall be purchased for intended use whenever practicable. In a case where the use of an EPP cleaner or sanitizer is not practicable, the reason for not using an EPP product should be documented and kept on file.
 - b. Consult with DAS contracted vendors of EPP cleaning products for information and training on the use of these products.

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- c. Carefully review product Material Safety Data Sheets, usage recommendations and manufacturer's usage instructions prior to purchase, even if the product has been certified by DAS. (e.g. "Green Seal Certified" or Eco Logo)
8. In order to ensure the health and safety of school children and employees as well as the effectiveness of the products to be purchased, the products must meet guidelines or environmental standards set by a national or international environmental certification program approved by the DAS in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Examples of such third-party approved certifications include "Green Seal" and "EcoLogo".

Notice Requirements

Annually, members of the school staff and parents/guardians who request it, are to be given a written copy of the green cleaning policy. In addition, this written statement shall also include:

- the names and types of environmentally preferable cleaning products used in the schools and where in the buildings they are applied;
- the schedule for applying the products; and
- the name of the school administrator or designee whom the parent/guardian or student may contact for more information.

The notice shall also contain the following statement: ***"No parent, guardian, teacher, staff or student member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect."***

In addition, parents/guardians of any child who transfers during the school year, or a new staff member hired during the school year shall be notified of the green cleaning policy.

A copy of the green cleaning policy will also be posted on the district's/school website. *(If no website is available the Board must make the policy publicly available (student/parent handbooks) or available upon request.)*

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“Green Cleaning Program” means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products in school buildings and facilities.

Alternate definitions:

- (a) **“Green Cleaning Program”** is an approach to facility maintenance that uses cost-effective cleaning products and practices that protect human health and the environment. Cleaning products containing the least toxic compounds are utilized in combination with advanced technology and equipment that provide superior methods for removing dirt, soil, and particulates found in indoor environments.
- (b) **“Green Cleaning”** is defined as cleaning to protect health without harming the environment. Green cleaning is an accepted movement that uses procedures and products to make cleaning for the health of building occupants, janitors, and the environment a primary concern.

“Environmentally Preferable Products” means products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. Such products must be approved by a DAS-approved national or international certification program. This term includes general purpose, bathroom, glass and carpet cleaners, hand cleaners and soaps, and floor finishes and strippers. Excluded are antimicrobial products regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, such as disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners and sanitizers. Also excluded are products (1) for which no DAS-approved certification program has established a guideline or environmental standard, (2) that fall outside the scope of such guidelines or standards, or (3) that are otherwise excluded under such guidelines or standards.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-220 Duties of boards of education
10-231a through 10-231d. Pesticide applications at schools
22a-46 Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.
P.A. 09-81 An Act Concerning Green Cleaning Products in Schools
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code
136 et seq.

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