

Green Cleaning Program

Cleaning - To remove dirt and debris by scrubbing and washing with a detergent solution and rinsing with water.

As concerns about chemicals in the environment grow, there is an effort to reduce the amount and type of chemicals people are exposed to everyday. In light of this, a law was passed in 2009 by the CT Legislature that requires schools to start a green cleaning program in the schools by July 2011.

This change will mean improved health for school occupants by reducing children's, teacher's, custodian's and other staff's exposure to toxic chemicals and asthma triggers that can be found in cleaning products. These include bleach, phenols, and ammonia often found in many over-the-counter general purpose cleaners.

The facilities and custodial staff must be aware of all chemicals used in the schools. They have been trained to use the best cleaner for the situation/location. For example, they use disinfectants in the bathrooms, sanitizers in the kitchen and general purpose cleaners in the bathroom. Only the trained custodial and nursing staff should be handling disinfectants. It is recommended that the school provide teachers with small pump bottles (labeled with the product name and any health hazard) of the approved green cleaner to use in the classroom.

Green Cleaning Product List

This table lists the types, names and manufacturers of the green products used by this school district as well as the location/area of application and the schedule of when each product is used.

Product Type	Name	Location	Manufacturer	Frequency
Floor Finishing	EP-22	All Flooring	Hillyard	SA
Hand Soap	Green Select Foaming Hand Soap	Restroom Hand Soap	Hillyard	D
Floor Stripping	Green Select Stripper	Tile/Terazzo	Hillyard	SA/A
Neutral Floor Cleaner	Super Shine-All	Daily Cleaner	Hillyard	D/W
General Purpose	Suprox	Hard Surface Cleaner	Hillyard	D
Glass Cleaning	Suprox Glass & Floor	Glass/Floors	Hillyard	D
General Purpose	Suprox Multi-Purpose Cleaner	Desks/Lockers/Hard Surface	Hillyard	D
Restroom Cleaner	Suprox Restroom Cleaner	Restrooms	Hillyard	D
Neutral Floor Cleaner (VCP Floors)	Top Clean	Hallways and classrooms	Hillyard	D/W
Frequency Legend:	D-Daily W-Weekly M-Monthly SA-Semi Annually A-Annually			