

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS GREEN CLEANING PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

As concerns about chemicals in the environment grow, there is an effort to reduce the amount and type of chemicals people are exposed to every day. 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. **School Districts need the cooperation of staff and parents to both comply with the law, and protect the health of students and staff.**

OVERVIEW:

In accordance with the **State of Connecticut Public Act No. 09-81: AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN CLEANING PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS**, the Newtown Public School District employs a green cleaning program utilizing environmentally preferable products and equipment throughout its facilities. The Newtown Public School District also employs the Tools for Schools IAQ program to enhance our Green Cleaning Program.

No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.





Cleaning standards and practices for the district include:

- Utilize cleaning products that comply with criteria in 'Industrial and Institutional Cleaner Specifications' per Green Seal 37.
- Utilize cleaning equipment such as: vacuum cleaners with the Carpet and Rug Institutes "Green Label"; auto scrubbers with on-board chemical metering devices; floor buffers equipped with particulate guards and on-board vacuums.
- Utilize paper products such as roll towel and toilet tissue which are Green Seal Certified.
- Utilize hand soap in restroom dispensers which is Green Seal Certified.
- Create a listing of acceptable products utilized for cleaning and maintaining the facility.
- Create a listing of prohibited products and chemicals not permitted nor purchased for use in the facility.
- Develop requirements for training of custodial personnel appropriate to the building to address green cleaning.

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Approved Products

	Product Name	Product Type	Usage Areas	Usage Frequency
	Stockhausen Inc./STOKO Skincare	Estesol Light Duty Hand Cleaner	All Restrooms	Daily
	Baywest EcoSoft Green Seal Tissue (GS-1 1992)	Toilet Tissue	All Restrooms	Daily
	Baywest EcoSoft Green Seal Roll Towels (GS-9 1993)	Roll Towels	All Restrooms	Daily
	KaiBlooey™ Restroom Cleaner	Restroom and Hard Surface Cleaner	All Restrooms	During Shutdowns
	<u>EnviroX</u> Evolve O2	Multi-Purpose Cleaner & Degreaser	Cleans all washable surfaces	Daily
	Spartan Chemical Green Solutions Floor Finish Remover	Floor Finish Remover	For use in stripping all vinyl floors including offices, hallways and classrooms.	As needed
	Spartan Chemical Green Solutions Floor Sealer & Finish	Floor Finish	All vinyl floors	As needed
	Spartan Chemical Green Solutions Glass Cleaner	Glass Cleaner	All types of glass, windows, mirrors and plexiglass.	As needed
	Spartan Chemical Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Heavy Duty floor cleaner for hard surfaces to deliver a deep scrubbing.	All hard floors	Shutdowns or as needed
NON-REGULATED PRODUCTS BY CT-09-81	Spartan Chemical NABC	Mild, non-acid, bathroom disinfectant for everyday use.	All Restrooms	Daily

Prohibited Products

The following is a list of products that are prohibited for use in Newtown Public Schools

- Aerosols containing ozone depleting products
- Non concentrated cleaning products (if concentrate is available)
- Products Containing Heavy Metals
- Alkylphenol ethoxylates (used as a surfactant in some cleaners)
- Phthalatates (used as a surfactant in some cleaners)

Training Requirements

The following are the requirements for the Green Cleaning Program

- Custodial cleaning techniques will be an integral part of our green cleaning program
- Training will consist of an awareness of the green cleaning as it relates to IAQ
- Training will include specific information regarding our preferred products
- In service training will be provided as needed from our manufacturer(s)
- Finally, all green cleaning training will emphasize the goal of a clean, safe and healthy learning and working environment