

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Salem, Connecticut

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Hazardous Materials in Schools

GREEN CLEANING PROGRAM

Cleaning chemicals can negatively impact indoor air quality and cause harm to the occupants of a school building. Therefore, the purpose of this policy is to encourage and promote the principles of green cleaning throughout the Salem School District, in compliance with applicable statutes. The Board of Education encourages and supports efforts to implement green cleaning in all District schools. This shall result in the implementation of a green cleaning program in all District facilities no later than July 1, 2011.

The policy of the Salem School District is to achieve the maintenance of clean, safe and healthy schools through the elimination of contaminants that affect children and adult health, performance and attendance and the implementation of cleaning processes and products that protect health without harming the environment.

The Board of Education will reduce the exposure of school building occupants to potentially hazardous chemical cleaning products by adopting this Green Cleaning policy which requires the use of cleaning products in the schools that meet the guidelines or standards set by a national or international certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in order to minimize the potential harmful effects on human health and the environment.

The transition to environmentally and health-friendly cleaning and/or sanitizing products shall be accomplished as soon as possible and in a manner that avoids the waste of existing inventories, accommodates establishment of supply chains for new products, enables training of personnel in appropriate work practices, and allows the phase-out of products and practices inconsistent with this policy.

Definitions

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

**“Environmentally Preferable Cleaning 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 Department of Administrative Services (DAS) - approved national or international certification program. This term includes, but is not limited to, general purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners, glass and carpet cleaners, hand cleaners and soaps, and floor finishes and strippers. Excluded are any disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer, or any other antimicrobial products regulated by

the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Also excluded are products for which no guidelines or environmental standard has been established by any national or international certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services or which is outside the scope of or is otherwise excluded under guidelines or environmental standards established by such a national or international certification program.

### Notice Requirements

Annually, the District will give to members of the school staff and to parents/guardians who request it, a written copy of this policy. In addition to this policy, there will be a written notice which shall also include:

1. the names and types of environmentally preferable cleaning products used in the schools and where in the building they are applied (refer to Attachment A);
2. the schedule for applying the products; and
3. 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, student, teacher, or staff 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 this green cleaning policy.

The Board will also make available on its website a copy of this policy.

On or after July 1, 2011 and triennially thereafter, the Board will report to the Commissioner of Education on its green cleaning program, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner.

(cf. 3524 – Hazardous Materials in School)  
(3524.1 – Pesticide Application)

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes:10-220 Duties of Boards of Education, as amended by PA 11-136.10-231a through 10-231d. Pesticide application at schools. 22a-46 Short title: CT Pesticide Act. PA 09-81 An Act Concerning Green Cleaning Products in Schools. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 US Code 136 et seq.

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GREEN PRODUCT LISTING

This chart 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 is to be used.

Product/Type	Name	Manufacturer	Location/Area	Frequency
Rest Room Cleaner	Enzysan 2000	Pollett Corp.	Restrooms, Floors & Fixtures	Daily
General Cleaner	Delta Ultra	Pollett Corp.	Classrooms, Floors & General	Daily
General Cleaner	Delta Mild	Pollett Corp.	Floors & Autoscrubber	Daily
Disinfectant Cleaner	Neutrafect	Lonza	Classrooms, Restrooms & Office	Daily
Restroom Cleaner	Kaiblooy	Kaivac, Inc.	Restrooms, Floors & Fixtures	Daily
Hand Soap	Symmetry Foam	Buckeye Corp.	All Hand Sinks	Daily
Floor Stripper	Penetrated Floor Stripper	Buckeye Corp.	Halls & Classrooms	Annually
Floor Cleaner	Linpol & Linpol Green	Pollett Corp.	Halls & Classrooms	Weekly

For more information on the green products listed above please contact Mr. Donald Bourdeau, Director of Facilities at 860-859-0267 x 3215.