

# Green Cleaning and Sanitary Paper Products

## Introduction

Green cleaning is a holistic approach to janitorial and housekeeping services. It takes into account the health, safety and environmental risks associated with the product and processes associated with cleaning and balances this with facility needs.

## About Green Cleaning

Green cleaning involves the use of alternative products, application of the product in different ways and evaluation of how the product is used.



Green cleaning addresses:

- Sustainable cleaning systems.
- Sustainable cleaning products and maintenance related to floor, carpet and entryway system.
- Use of chemical concentrates and appropriate dilution systems
- Cleaning equipment that reduces the impacts on indoor air quality
- Training of maintenance personnel in the hazards, use and disposal of cleaning chemicals, dispensing equipment and packaging
- Promoting and improving hand hygiene
- Collecting and addressing occupant feedback

## Community Benefits

- Better for occupant and worker health
- Reduces pollution, particularly to our waterways

## Resources

- [ECOLOGO Product Certification](#)
- [Green Seal Industrial Cleaning Products](#)
- [Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council](#)

## Green Cleaning Policy

PCC's Green cleaning policy specifies that when possible, cleaning products and materials, including hard-floor and carpet-care products shall, meet the requirements of the [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED v.3 2009\) Indoor Environmental Quality Credit: 3.3 Green Cleaning Purchase of Sustainable Cleaning and Products](#).

PCC prioritizes cleaning products that meet the Green Seal [GS-37 standard](#) for general-purpose, bathroom, glass and carpet cleaner use for industrial and institutional purposes and [GS-40 standard](#) for industrial and institutional floor-care products. Other products must meet the [ECOLOGO](#) certification standard and or comply with the maximum allowable volatile organic compound (VOC) levels specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17 Section 94509. Hand soaps must also meet one or more of the [Green Seal](#) or Ecologo certified standards.

Paper products should be composed of 100% recycled content (including post-consumer waste) and be of sufficient quality to maintain tenant comfort. All disposable custodial paper products and trash bags meet the minimum requirements of the [U.S. EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines](#). Hand soaps should be [Green Seal](#) certified.



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