

Hazardous Material 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 North Canaan Elementary School, in compliance with applicable statutes. The Board of Education encourages and supports efforts to implement green cleaning in all District schools.

It is the policy of the North Canaan Elementary School 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 exposure of school building occupants to potentially hazardous chemical cleaning products by adopting this Green Cleaning policy that 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.

Definitions

“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.

“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 along with a written statement that shall also include:

- a. the names and types of environmentally preferable cleaning products used in the schools and where in the buildings they are applied;
- b. the schedule for applying the products; and
- c. 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, or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product that is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.”***

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

The Board will report to the Commissioner of Education on its green cleaning program, in a manner and frequency prescribed by the Commissioner.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-220 Duties of boards of education (as amended by P.A. 09-81 and P.A. 11-136)

10-231a through 10-231d. Pesticide applications at schools

10-231g Green Cleaning Program at schools: Definitions, Implementation, Notice.

22a-46. Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code 136 et seq.

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To reduce exposure of school building occupants to potentially hazardous chemical contaminants, the District will fully implement a Green Cleaning Program 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.
4. 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.
5. Environmentally Preferable Products that are a part of the District's Green Cleaning Program include products that must be approved by a Department of Administrative Services (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 EEP 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.

- 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 Department of Administrative Services (DAS) in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Examples of such third-party approved certifications include "Green Seal" and "EcoLogo".

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Green Cleaning Program in Schools (CT Public Act 09-81)

The State of Connecticut is requiring that each local and regional board of education implement a green cleaning program for all school buildings and facilities in its district.

North Canaan Elementary School is committed to the implementation of this law by providing the staff and, upon request, the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program as well as making it available in its web site annually. The policy will also be distributed to new staff hired during the school year and to parents or guardians of students transferring in during the school year.

1. Green cleaning program means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products as defined by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for all state-owned buildings, schools and facilities. DAS currently required that environmentally preferable cleaning products be independently certified by one or two third party certified organizations: *Green Seal or Eco Logo*
2. By July 1, 2011, and thereafter no person shall use a cleaning product in a public school unless it meets the DAS standard.
3. The types of cleaning products covered in this legislation include general purpose, bathroom and glass cleaners, floor strippers and finishes, hand cleaners and soaps. The preferred green cleaning products used by this school district are attached.
4. Disinfectants, disinfectant cleaners, sanitizers or antimicrobial products regulated by the federal insecticide, fungicide and rodenticide act are not covered by this law.

The following statement will be part of this school district's program as stated in the law:

“NO PARENT, GUARDIAN, TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER MAY BRING INTO THE SCHOOL FACILITY ANY CONSUMER PRODUCT THAT IS INTENDED TO CLEAN, DEODORIZE, SANITIZE OR DISINFECT.”

The implementation of this program requires the support and cooperation of everyone including administrators, faculty, staff, parents, guardians and facilities staff.

Any questions concerning the program can be directed to the Head Custodian, 860-824-5149.

Attachment A

GREEN PRODUCT LISTING for North Canaan Elementary School

This chart lists the types, names and manufacturers of the green products used by this school district and the frequency when each is used.

| PRODUCT/ TYPE | NAME | MANUFACTURER | FREQUENCY |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Kalblooey | Bathroom | NCL | Semi-annually |
| Floor Finish | #4 Dual-Blend Floor Care | NCL | Weekly |
| Floor Finish | Burnish Boost | ZEP | Annually |
| Cleaner | Bowl Shine II | ZEP | Daily |
| Cleaner | Tuff Green | ZEP | Daily |
| Cleaner | Instant Hand Sanitizer | ZEP | Daily |
| Cleaner | Fuzion HB Foaming Hand Soap | ZEP | Daily |
| Cleaner | Bio Swa Boost | ZEP | Annually |
| Cleaner | #35 Degreaser | NCL | Annually |
| Cleaner | #19 Dual-Blend Lavender 256 | NCL | Weekly |
| Gym Finish | Bona Super Court Waterbase | Bona | Annually |
| Glass Cleaner | #19 Earth Sense | ZEP | Daily |