

What is Pollution Prevention?



Pollution Prevention (P2) is the use of measures to avoid, eliminate, or reduce pollution at the source.

P2 alternatives can increase profitability, protect the health and safety of employees, and improve the environment. Florida's Pollution Prevention Program is a non-regulatory program which provides free technical assistance, site assessments and consultations to aid businesses in source reduction.

Please visit www.FloridaP2.org

*Providing Solutions to
Prevent Pollution!*



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Please visit <http://www.earth911.org>
to find where to recycle or properly
dispose of hazardous or unwanted
materials. On Earth911, you can also
find tips to reduce pollution, find green
hotels, and find your local waste
contacts!

What is green cleaning?

Green cleaning involves selecting alternative products, using those products properly, and taking other steps to reduce risks while maintaining a satisfactory level of cleanliness and disinfection.

This means using products that are safer for people, animals, and the environment. These products are typically biodegradable, non-toxic, and do not bio-accumulate. "Green cleaning" practices can reduce risks to your health, safety and the environment.

Why use green cleaners?

- ◆ Improved indoor air quality
- ◆ Less health risk from exposure
- ◆ Better for the environment

What to look for...

- ◆ Non-toxic
- ◆ Biodegradable
- ◆ Phosphate free
- ◆ Contains no dyes, chlorine, or hypochlorite
- ◆ Recycled content containers
- ◆ Bulk packaging
- ◆ Natural fragrances

You can make your own green

Glass Cleaner:

1 gallon water
1/2 cup white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon liquid dish detergent

Furniture Polish:

1 cup vegetable or olive oil
1/2 cup lemon juice
Mix in a spray bottle, shake well and apply a small amount to a cloth.

Drain Cleaner:

Pour 1/2 cup baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar. Cover the drain and allow to sit for 15 minutes. Flush with 2 quarts boiling water.

All Purpose Cleaner:

1/2 teaspoon sodium carbonate (soda ash)
Dab of liquid soap
2 cups hot water
Combine in a spray bottle, shake till all powder has dissolved. Apply and wipe off residue with a rag or sponge.

Non-chlorine Bleach:

Hydrogen peroxide

Disinfectant:

Isopropyl Alcohol

Find more recipes and alternatives online at <http://es.epa.gov/techinfo/facts/safe-fs.html>

Where to purchase green cleaners ...

Manufacturers:

Seventh Generation
www.seventhgeneration.com

Simple Green
www.simplegreen.com

Earth Friendly Products
www.ecos.com

Bio-Pac
www.bio-pac.com

Eco-Concepts Inc.
www.ecoconceptsusa.com

Clean Control
www.cleancontrol.com/MenuEarthChoice.html

Distributors and Suppliers:

Dade Paper
www.dadepaper.com/Greensafe/

Sierra Environmental
www.sierraenvironmental.net

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has not validated the claims of these manufacturers. These alternatives are listed for your information only.

For more general information:

Visit the Green Seal website at
www.greenseal.org

Guides on 'greening your janitorial business' from the Department of the Interior at
www.doi.gov/greening/sustain/clean.html

Harvard's Green Cleaning Program
www.greencampus.harvard.edu/greenclean/