



## Green cleaning - purchase of sustainable cleaning products and materials

EQc3.5 | Possible 1 point

### Intent

To reduce the environmental impacts of cleaning products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags.

### Requirements

Implement sustainable purchasing for cleaning materials and products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags. Cleaning product and material purchases include items used by in-house staff or outsourced service providers. One point is awarded for each 30% of the total annual purchases of these products (by cost) that meet at least one of the following sustainability criteria:

- The cleaning products meet one or more of the following standards for the appropriate category:
  - Green Seal GS-37, for general-purpose, bathroom, glass and carpet cleaners used for industrial and institutional purposes.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-110, for cleaning and degreasing compounds.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-146, for hard surface cleaners.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-148, for carpet and upholstery care.
- Disinfectants, metal polish, floor finishes, strippers or other products not addressed by the above standards meet one or more of the following standards for the appropriate category:
  - Green Seal GS-40, for industrial and institutional floor care products.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-112, for digestion additives for cleaning and odor control.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-113, for drain or grease traps additives.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-115, for odor control additives.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-147, for hard floor care.
  - California Code of Regulations maximum allowable VOC levels for the specific product category.
- Disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags meet the minimum requirements of one or more of the following programs for the applicable product category:
  - U.S. EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Janitorial Paper and Plastic Trash Can Liners.
  - Green Seal GS-09, for paper towels and napkins.
  - Green Seal GS-01, for tissue paper.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-082, for toilet tissue.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-086, for hand towels.
  - Janitorial paper products derived from rapidly renewable resources or made from tree-free fibers.
- Hand soaps meet one or more of the following standards:
  - No antimicrobial agents (other than as a preservative) except where required by health codes and other regulations (i.e., food service and health care requirements).
  - Green Seal GS-41, for industrial and institutional hand cleaners.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-104, for hand cleaners and hand soaps.

The materials and products described above must be purchased during the performance period to earn points in this credit.