

Green Cleaning at Home

Look for cleaning solutions and detergents that:

- ✓ Feature one of these logos:    
- ✓ Are not tested on animals
- ✓ Are phosphate-free and not harmful to aquatic life
- ✓ Are not petroleum-based
- ✓ Have plant-based and/or biodegradable ingredients
- ✓ Can be diluted
- ✓ Have recyclable packaging and packaging made from recycled content
- ✓ Do not contain toxic ingredients (carcinogens, mutagens, and reproductive toxins) *A list of commonly found toxins is available on our website at www.uos.harvard.edu/fmo/custodial/greencleaning*

You may not find products with ALL these characteristics. Just look for products with the most attributes.

Look for paper products that:

- ✓ Feature 100% recycled content
- ✓ Contain the highest amount of post-consumer recycled content
- ✓ Are whitened without using chlorine



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What else?

- Do not use aerosols
- Do not use bleach as a cleaning product
- Minimize the use of anti-bacterial soap
- Use reusable micro-fiber cloths
- Use biodegradable trash bags
- Use HEPA or high-filtration vacuums
- Make sure to empty your vacuum or change the bag before it's completely full

For more information visit:

- www.uos.harvard.edu/fmo/custodial/greencleaning
- www.greenseal.org
- www.newdream.org/work/rpn.php
- www.ecologo.org/en
- www.epa.gov/dfe

