

California Green Business Program

Checklist preview

Program: Santa Clara

Sector: Cleaning Services



Water

1. Institute and maintain a "No Running Water" policy. Train staff to never leave water running while cleaning.

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2. Use only dry methods to clean outdoor hard surfaces and post instructions for staff. Call your water company for any exceptions to this rule.

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OPTIONAL MEASURES

DESCRIPTION

YES NO N/A Post

1. For hard floor care, use micro fiber cloths and mops to replace chemical cleaners and to use less water.

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2. Change window cleaning schedule from periodic to as required.

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Pollution

DESCRIPTION

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1. Screen all products for hazard/toxicity prior to using. Obtain Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all products used.

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2. Replace all aerosols with pump dispensers.

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3. Reduce chemicals (cleaners, pesticides, paints, etc.) used and stored, safely disposing of any unneeded products at the local Household Hazardous Waste Program.

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DESCRIPTION

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1. Whenever possible, use spray bottles to apply cleaners, rather than mixing a bucket (ensures that less cleaner is used and less is wasted).

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2. Use only zinc-free and butyl-free floor cleaners and strippers.

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3. Use a vinegar/water mixture for window cleaning instead of alcohol or ammonia-based cleaner.

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4. Use an abrasive sponge or pumice stone in place of strong chemicals to remove grime or deposits.

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5. Use a non-chlorine bleach alternative such as hydrogen peroxide for whitening instead of bleach.

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6. Use non-chlorinated abrasive powders (i.e. Bon Ami).

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7. Use Green Seal, EcoLogo, and EPA's Design for the Environment certified products whenever possible. List examples.

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