



## **POLICY 7800**

### **GREEN CLEANING**

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## **PURPOSE**

Green cleaning standards and best cleaning practices are to be implemented to ensure students, faculty, staff and visitors are not exposed to potentially harmful chemicals, and to limit and/or minimize any potential adverse effects on people and the environment.

## **SCOPE**

This policy is effective throughout the College.

## **POLICY**

To the extent practicable, the College will utilize green cleaning processes and procedures that consider the balance between cost, effectiveness, safety, environmental impact, equipment, industry standards and final disposal of product.

Every effort will be made to use third party “certified green” cleaning products where and when chemicals, cleaning agents, and cleaning equipment are in use.

The College is committed to maintaining the highest level of environmental performance for College custodial services by:

- A. Continually educating, training, and motivating the custodial staff to work in an environmentally responsible manner.

- B. Using cleaning products that meet Green Seal standard GS-37 or products with use of low volatile organic compounds (VOC), whenever applicable. An allowance for cleaning chemicals otherwise prohibited may be used in cases where the product application or sanitation requirements (health care, food services) are such that there is no appropriate alternative green cleaning product available. Disinfectant application will be limited to the appropriate setting, amount and target organism.
- C. Minimizing the use of aerosols.
- D. Using paper and plastic products that meet EPA standards with high post-consumer recycled content.
- E. Using concentrated cleaning products, when available, that are automatically and accurately diluted using cold water.
- F. Use of preventative products such as entrance matting, where practical, to minimize cleaning needs.
- G. Using cleaning systems such as micro-fiber mops and dust cloths, where appropriate, to clean without water or chemicals.