

# Cleaning for Healthy Schools

Start now: **green cleaning** saves money; reduces risks; promotes healthy IAQ

## 25% of chemicals in commercial cleaning products used by schools are toxic.

Third-party certified green cleaning products do not have: carcinogens, reproductive toxins, phthalates, endocrine disruptors, asthmagens.

## Nine states have enacted laws on green cleaning products in schools since 2005.

## Green cleaning is cost-neutral.

New York State says: "Our experience from over three years of implementing the legislation in New York State...is that (certified products) currently do not cost more than traditional cleaning products. In fact, our anecdotal evidence has shown that green cleaning products cost the same or less, and they work as effectively, as their traditional counterparts." (NYS Office of General Services, March 2010)

## Learn the basics of green cleaning in schools!

1. **VISIT** [www.CleaningforHealthySchools.org](http://www.CleaningforHealthySchools.org)
2. **LISTEN/WATCH** one or more free 30-minute presentations:
  - What is green cleaning?** (*general audience*)  
Presenters: Virginia Mott, American Lung of New England; Deborah Moore, Green Schools Initiative
  - Chemicals: your health and right to know** (*workers*)  
Presenters: Denise Bowles, AFSCME-International; Tolle Graham, Mass COSH/MA-Healthy Schools Network
  - Getting Started: The School Building Walk-Through** (*about buildings*)  
Presenters: Allan Wakefield, Consulting Facility Director; Claire Barnett, Healthy Schools Network
  - What schools need to know** (*school leaders*)  
Presenter: Carol Westinghouse, INFORM
3. **DOWNLOAD FREE** color poster and information to help your school get started

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National Work Group on Green Cleaning and Chemical Policy Reform in Schools

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