

# PURCHASING POLICY - CLEANING SUPPLIES



Before purchasing new cleaning supplies, consider the product's...

## SOURCE? Does it....

- Have **multiple uses** (e.g. all-purpose cleaner)
- Have **"green" characteristics** (e.g. biodegradable, all-natural)
- Allow for **re-use** (e.g. multi-use rags, refillable containers)
- Contain **fewer toxic chemicals** (e.g. chlorine-free, unbleached, solvent-free)
- Have at least **30% recycled-content**
- Have **minimal packaging** (e.g. bulk purchases, minimal plastic wrap)

## DISPOSAL? Is it....

- **Recyclable** (e.g. made of hard #1-7 plastic, non-hazardous materials)
- **Landfill-safe** (e.g. non-toxic, non-corrosive)- if not, place in hazardous waste bin for proper disposal
- **Durable** (e.g. high-quality, multi-use)
- Something you can **donate** instead of throwing away (e.g. thrift store)

Your purchasing choices can make a difference. Thinking "green" conserves natural resources, reduces landfill impacts, and supports local economies. Thank you for protecting the planet!



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