

# Green Cleaning:

## Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Products (Group 39000, Award 23245)

### Why Use Green Cleaning Products?

- **Create a healthier work environment** by removing toxins from the workplace, keeping employees healthier, happier and more productive.
- **Improve indoor air quality** by reducing airborne dust and chemical gases.
- **Promote a healthier environment** for the public and employees.
- **Lowers the environmental impact/footprint** of the facility.
- **Meets schools' obligations under the New York State Green Cleaning Law** (Chapter 584 of the Laws of 2005). Under this law, schools are required to procure and use environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products.
- **Under Executive Order 22**, state agencies, public authorities and public benefit corporations are required to purchase cleaning products that meet environmental specifications for Hand Cleaners/Hand Soap and Industrial/Institutional Cleaning Products. Review the EO 22 specifications at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny>

### Where to Purchase

- **Preferred Sources:** Environmentally friendly cleaning products are available through Preferred Sources, including Corcraft, the NYS Preferred Source Program for people who are blind, and the NYS Industries for the Disabled. Learn more about these programs at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/procurement/preferred-sources>  
State agencies must consider purchasing through Preferred Sources first if the product meets their form, function and utility.
- **OGS Centralized Contract:** [Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Products \(Group 39000, Award 22830\)](#).

### Who to Ask for Help

The following individuals are available to assist you with questions about the contract:

**Sefora Castrello**  
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### Who Can Use this Contract

Authorized Users of OGS centralized contracts are permitted to use the Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Products contract. These include, but are not limited to state agencies, local governments, public authorities, public school and fire districts, public and nonprofit libraries, and certain other nonpublic/nonprofit organizations.

### About the Contract

The Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Products contract is a multi-state procurement that includes 11 product categories of environmentally preferable cleaning products. All the green chemicals and janitorial paper products included in this contract are required to be "Independently Third-Party Certified," which means that the environmental claims, as well as the product performance, are tested and certified by an established and legitimate, nationally-recognized third party certification program. The 11 product categories are:

1. General Purpose Cleaners
2. Floor Maintenance Chemicals
3. Disinfectants and Sanitizers
4. Specialty Cleaners
5. Powered Janitorial Equipment & Service
6. General Cleaning Supplies, Equip & Service
7. Hand Soaps, Sanitizers and Personal Care Products
8. De-icing and Snowmelt Products
9. Waste/Recycling/Composting Can Liners
10. Disposable Janitorial Paper Products
11. Entryway and Other Matting Systems

In addition, under the terms of the contract, all vendors awarded in Categories 1-5 must offer and perform an initial facility assessment as part of transitioning their customers to a green cleaning program and on-site training to users of the products.

### Green Cleaning Saves Money

- Competitive pricing across all categories.
- Product Consolidation: A single green cleaning product may permit the end-user to eliminate the need to purchase multiple standard cleaning products.
- Product Elimination: Some green cleaning equipment eliminates the need to purchase chemicals.
- Safer Cleaners: Safer cleaners contribute to a healthier environment for employees and visitors.

