

**FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GREEN CLEANING POLICY**

POLICY TEXT:

A. Purpose

It shall be the policy of Fairhaven Public Schools to maintain clean, safe, healthy schools and eliminate contaminants that affect children and adult health, performance and attendance.

These measures are meant to align with the Massachusetts Collaborative for High Performance Schools Green Cleaning Program requirements.

FPS is committed to the implementation of cleaning processes and supplies that protect children and adult health without harming the environment.

B. Product Requirements

For cleaning supplies within the school district, only environmentally sensitive cleaning products shall be purchased which meet the qualifications as outlined below:

1. Evaluated and certified by Green Seal and the Massachusetts Environmentally Preferable Products Program (EPP). These products will include but not be limited the following cleaning compounds: glass cleaners, neutral cleaners and general purpose cleaners.
2. Non-irritating
3. Environmentally friendly
4. No strong fumes or perfumes
5. Safe to dispose

C. Implementation

This policy mandates the use of green cleaning supplies to be used in conjunction with best practices by the facilities and maintenance and school staff. These best practices include but are not limited to:

1. Schedule floor stripping and waxing to non-occupied hours.
2. Phase out use of current cleaning supplies and use only Green Seal approved products (GS37).
3. Prohibit the purchasing of non-approved cleaners outside of the Fairhaven Public Schools purchasing and supplies contract.
4. Prohibit the use of non-approved cleaning compounds (mainly desk top cleaner) by non-custodial school staff (teachers' teachers' assistants, etc.) School custodians will provide upon request to teachers and other school staff, pre-labeled spray bottles of previously mixed cleaning compounds (desktop and glass cleaners) that meet the green cleaning criteria.

D. Training

Each principal and administrator, with his/her staff, shall incorporate Green Cleaning requirements into their school's maintenance and cleaning program.

Training and updates to be provided to the Fairhaven Schools custodial staff on the Green Cleaners Policy including but not limited to hazard communications (Right to Know law, MSDS, etc.), worker safety and personal protective equipment use, safe and proper product and equipment use, etc.

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