

# Green Cleaning Resources

## **CERTIFIED PRODUCTS**

### **Green Seal**

[www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org)

Nonprofit organization that establishes standards and certifies environmentally preferable products, including Institutional cleaners (GS-37) and floor finishes and strippers (GS-40).

### **TerraChoice**

[www.environmentalchoice.com](http://www.environmentalchoice.com)

Canadian organization that manages Environmental Choice (EC) Program which develops environmental standards and certifies products, including cleaners. EC criteria for cleaning products are considered interchangeable with those of Green Seal.

### **Center for a New American Dream**

<http://www.newdream.org/procure/products/approved.php>

Non-profit organization that features a list of certified Green Seal and Environmental Choice certified products.

## **SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **NISH**

[www.nish.org](http://www.nish.org)

Formerly the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped, NISH offers green cleaning training and technical assistance to their affiliated janitorial organizations.

### **UNICCO**

[www.greencleaning.com](http://www.greencleaning.com)

UNICCO's GreenClean® Program features certified products and equipment and can help interested parties pursue LEED-EB certification.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Office of the Federal Environmental Executive**

<http://www.ofee.gov/gp/greenjanitorial.html>

Federal Office charged with promoting sustainable environmental stewardship throughout the federal government. The site includes a comprehensive page on "green janitorial cleaning."

### **The Ashkin Group**

[www.ashkingroup.com](http://www.ashkingroup.com)

Steve Ashkin is considered one of the leading experts in the field of green cleaning. His web site provides lots of useful information.

**INFORM Inc.**

[http://informinc.org/cfh\\_OGS.php](http://informinc.org/cfh_OGS.php)

INFORM is an independent research organization. Its cleaning for Health website includes links to helpful “green” cleaning fact sheets.

**Janitorial Products Pollution Prevention Project**

[www.wrppn.org/Janitorial/jp4.cfm](http://www.wrppn.org/Janitorial/jp4.cfm)

Developed as a project of the Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network, this site features a collection of fact sheets and tools for identifying chemical risks associated with cleaning chemicals.

**U. S. Green Building Council**

[www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

The USGBC’s LEED standard for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) supports a whole-building cleaning and maintenance issues including chemical use.

**Carpet and Rug Institute**

[www.carpet-rug.com](http://www.carpet-rug.com)

This site provides information on “Green Label” Approved Vacuum Cleaners and a “Green Label” indoor air quality testing and labeling program for carpets, carpet cushion, and adhesives.

**National Floor Safety Institute**

<http://www.nfsi.org/splash.phtml>

The NFSI’s mission is to aid in the prevention of slip-and-fall accidents through education, training and research.

**Toxic Use Reduction Institute (TURI)**

[www.turi.org/content/content/view/full/2612/](http://www.turi.org/content/content/view/full/2612/)

TURI’s Surface Solutions Laboratory provided performance tests for over a dozen cleaning products for the state of Massachusetts. Their findings are published on their website.