

Cleaning

Reuse

- ♦ Replace aerosol cans with refillable spray bottles
- ♦ Use small, empty bottles from cleaning concentrates to make refillable spray bottles-just add a pump and the cleaning solution
- ♦ Clean spills with a squeegee, broom, or vacuum
- ♦ Use reusable vacuum bags or bag-less vacuums
- ♦ Use cloth towels for cleaning rather than paper
- ♦ Reuse old linens as rags
- ♦ Clean and reuse dust mop heads and cleaning rags

Techniques

- ♦ Install dispensers for concentrated cleaning solutions to reduce packaging and improve your ability to tailor cleaning products to your needs.
- ♦ Reduce harsh chemical use by cleaning more frequently with non-toxic cleaners
- ♦ Use strong cleaners on an as needed basis
- ♦ Prevent pests by keeping areas clean, and treat problem areas with natural, non-toxic solutions
- ♦ Adopt a monthly cleaning and maintenance program for all equipment

Products

- ♦ Use homemade cleaners such as vinegar and baking soda instead of harsh cleaning products
 - Baking soda will clean sinks, tubs and toilets
 - Visit, [http://www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org/data/Do It Yourself Recipes.pdf](http://www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org/data/Do%20It%20Yourself%20Recipes.pdf), for more information on Do-It-Yourself recipes.
- ♦ Use a pumice stone to remove toilet bowl hard water deposits without damage
- ♦ Look for non-toxic cleaners, sanitizers, paints and other chemicals
- ♦ Buy multipurpose cleaners that can be used for all types of surfaces

Waste Disposal

- ♦ Only remove plastic bags with trash when the bag itself has been soiled; otherwise, just empty the trash and leave the liner
- ♦ Compact garbage in trash cans to reduce liner waste

More Information

For more information on environmentally friendly cleaning products, please visit:

- ♦ Green Seal
 - www.greenseal.org
- ♦ Finger Lakes Buy Green
 - www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org

