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### **8.3 GREEN CLEANING POLICY (Adopted 9-10-13)**

The County of Santa Clara seeks to protect the health and safety of all building employees, occupants and visitors, reduce impacts to the environment and support LEED certification through establishing strong standards on cleaning products and equipment used in County facilities.

The Green Cleaning Policy applies to all departments that have responsibility for cleaning and custodial work in buildings owned or leased by the County or that manage contracts and vendors that supply cleaning services.

All cleaning products used within County-owned or operated facilities shall be certified by a nationally-recognized, third-party, certifying organization or the products must be approved by the procuring department as equal to the green-certified products, unless green products are unavailable, not cost-effective or not practicable. Exemptions may additionally be granted to meet the needs of infectious disease control and security.

The Green Cleaning Policy is supported by Administrative Guidelines that detail purchasing and handling of green cleaning products and equipment, provide information on best practices, identify exemptions and note chemicals to avoid. The Office of the County Executive shall delegate responsibility for maintaining the Guidelines and facilitating a stakeholder committee, with representatives of departments that have responsibility for



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custodial staff or contracts and other interested parties, to update the Guidelines and grant exemptions, as needed.

As supplies are reordered and new contracts written, the practices and processes outlined in the Administrative Guidelines should be utilized or incorporated to the maximum extent possible to meet the objectives of this policy.

### Related Policies

None.

### Related Forms and Information

- Green Cleaning Policy – Administrative Guidelines - [\[url\]/sites/policies/FormsrelatedtoPolicies/Green-Cleaning-Administrative-Guidelines.pdf](#)

### History

Date	Changes Made
2/11/2014	Policy Uploaded. (Kyle Larson)
9/10/2013	Policy Adopted. <a href="#">View legislative file.</a>