

**Tools for Schools (TFS)/Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Updates
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Did you know...that Public Act No. 09-81 An Act Concerning Green Cleaning Products in Schools was passed in 2009 in the CT Legislature that required schools to start a green cleaning program by July 2011?

This law requires that the custodial staff use cleaners that are less toxic. These green cleaners must be certified by an independent third party (like Green Seal or Ecologo) to make sure that the health and environmental effects from their use are reduced. This change has meant improved health for school occupants by reducing children's, teacher's, custodian's and other staff's exposure to toxic chemicals and asthma triggers that can be found in cleaning products. Prohibited chemicals include: bleach, phenols and ammonia often found in many over the counter general purpose cleaners.

In order to be in compliance with both the law and the Westport Board of Education green cleaning procedures no parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect. It is the law! All teachers and staff are given a peroxide based general purpose cleaner for use in their classroom on counter surfaces, desks and book shelves. They are also given micro fiber rags for their use.

For more information on Westport Public Schools' Green Cleaning Program, go to www.westport,k12.ct.us. Go to District- Tools for Schools- Procedures (Standard Cleaning Procedures revised October 26, 2012) or to the copy in your school's TFS binder.