

GREEN CLEANING PROGRAM

As part of the on-going commitment to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for students and staff members, the Ledyard Board of Education has implemented a "Green Cleaning Program" for all District schools and facilities, including vehicles used for student transportation.

Only environmentally preferable cleaning products that carry either the Green Seal or EcoLogo certification can be used in Ledyard Public Schools.



The type of cleaning products covered by the Green Cleaning Program includes, but is not limited to: general purpose, bathroom, carpet and glass cleaners; floor finishes and strippers; hand cleaners; and soaps. The use of environmentally preferable cleaners will mean improved health for all school occupants by reducing exposure to toxic chemicals and asthma triggers that can be found in many cleaning products, especially those available over-the-counter.

To ensure that only appropriately certified cleaning products are used in Ledyard Public Schools, **No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into any school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.**

The Green Cleaning Program will be managed by the Director of Maintenance, who shall coordinate the procurement of all District cleaning supplies. No cleaning supplies may be purchased or used without his/her prior approval.

Notification Requirements

The Superintendent shall ensure that all staff members are provided each year with a written statement regarding the Green Cleaning Program in place in Ledyard Public Schools. Such notice shall include:

1. The types and names of environmentally preferable cleaning products being used in school facilities.
2. The location (e.g., hallway, classroom, etc.) of the application of each cleaning product.
3. The schedule of when the cleaning products are applied (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly, etc.).
4. The statement that: "No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into any school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect."

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5. The name of the Director of Maintenance and how to contact him or her for further information regarding the Green Cleaning Program and cleaning products used in the District.

This written notice shall be provided, upon request, to the parents and guardians of children enrolled in Ledyard Public Schools. This notice shall also be provided to: (1) the parents or guardians of any child who transfers into the District during the school year, and (2) all staff members hired during the school year.

The annual notice regarding the Green Cleaning Program shall be posted on the District website.

Reporting Requirements

On and after July 1, 2021, and every five (5) years thereafter, the Board shall report to the Commissioner of Administrative Services on the condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-term school building program, indoor air quality program and green cleaning program.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes (last amended by specified Public Act (PA)):

- 10-220. Duties of boards of education. (PA 17-2, June Special Session)
- 10-231g. Green cleaning program at schools: Definitions. Implementation. Notice.

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