

CBS & GREEN

Cleaning and Breakroom Supplies covers a wide range of products across cleaning supplies, restrooms, the breakroom and facility supplies and it can be difficult to understand what it means to be green in each area. The following is a “Green for Dummies” worksheet that will help you to understand what has emerged as being the leading Green measures as well as applicable terms in each specific category.

BREAKROOM - APPLIANCES

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BREAKROOM – COFFEE & TEA

Herbal: Of, relating to, or containing herbs.

Organic: Of, relating to, or derived from living organisms

BREAKROOM – REFRESHMENT SUPPLIES

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EXAM ROOM PAPER PRODUCTS

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FLASHLIGHTS

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JANITORIAL – CLEANING EQUIPMENT



CRI Approved: The CRI Seal of Approval program identifies effective carpet cleaning solutions and equipment that clean carpet right the first time and protects a facility's carpet investment. Not all products clean well enough to earn the Seal of Approval distinction, so look for the blue and green CRI Seal of Approval as proof that you are purchasing or using a quality product.

US Green Building Council: Non-profit organization dedicated to sustainable building design and construction.

Microfiber: The US Green Building Council specifies MicroFiber products as part of their standards because they conserve water, reduce the use of disposable products and require fewer harsh chemicals.



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JANITORIAL – CLEANING SUPPLIES



Design for the Environment (DfE): The Design for the Environment (DfE) Program works in partnership with a broad range of stakeholders to reduce risk to people and the environment by preventing pollution. DfE focuses on industries that combine the potential for chemical risk reduction and improvements in energy efficiency with a strong motivation to make lasting, positive changes. DfE convenes partners, including industry representatives and environmental groups, to develop goals and guide the work of the partnership.



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Carcinogenic: cancer-causing substance or agent.



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Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL's): Compared to general standard incandescent lamps, CFL's use less power and have a longer rated life. Switching from traditional light bulbs to CFLs is an effective, accessible change every American can make right now to reduce energy use at home and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.

Waste Containers & Can Liners

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Scientific Certifications Systems: SCS is a leading third-party provider of certification, auditing and testing services, and standards, founded in 1984.

Mats – Floor

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Air Cleaners & Humidifiers

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High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA): A type of a type of high-efficiency air filters. HEPA filters can remove at least 99.97% of airborne particles 0.3 micrometers (µm) in diameter.

Batteries

Recharge: to charge again; especially : to restore anew the active materials in (a storage battery)



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