



New Mexico State University Cleaning Policy

New Mexico State University believes in a sustainable environment to reduce the environmental impact of cleaning products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags by purchasing Green Seal certified (GS-37) cleaning products and Green Seal certified (GS-01, GS-09) paper products. In cases where GS-37 is not applicable New Mexico State University will use only products that comply with California code of Regulations maximum allowable VOC levels. In accordance with Green Seal and other green cleaning recommendations all chemical must be in concentrate and delivered using a closed dilution system. Hand soaps used in the building must be Green Seal certified (GS-41) and may not contain antimicrobial agents except where required by health codes or other regulations. All cleaning equipment used in the facility must adhere to the New Mexico State University equipment policy and be low impact on both the user and indoor air quality.

New Mexico State University believes in maintaining and improving its cleaning and maintenance program to keep its facilities clean and in good condition while providing a healthy environment for building occupants, employees and other users of the facilities and

New Mexico State University realizes that filth and germs can pose a significant health problem for building occupants and other users of the facilities. New Mexico State University also realizes the importance of minimizing the use of toxic chemicals within its facilities. Therefore, the application of toxic cleaning chemicals is to be performed only after alternative methods have been exhausted. In addition when toxic cleaning chemicals are needed they will be used in the safest manner possible within Federal and State Laws, and

New Mexico State University has provided ongoing 'healthy cleaning' training for its custodial staff by incorporating these principles into all custodial training mechanisms, including training of Maintenance personnel in the hazards, use, maintenance and disposal of chemicals, dispensing equipment and packaging, and

New Mexico State University recognizes that any chemicals used in its facilities will eventually make their way into the local environment, including waterways, and may harm local wildlife, and

New Mexico State University is aware that many well-meaning staff members bring in outside household cleaners in order to keep their work area clean, and that most household cleaners contain toxic chemicals, and

New Mexico State University shall continue improving its program with more-thorough usage of effective non-toxic cleaners as they become available while strategically handling and applying the toxic cleaning chemicals that do not yet have an effective and fiscally prudent alternative.

All management staff and employees are required to support the Healthy Cleaning Policy, including using ONLY the cleaners and paper provided to them by New Mexico State University. Toxic cleaning chemicals will only be used when other, less toxic alternatives are not available. Further, only trained custodial staff will apply a toxic chemical when it becomes necessary.

Finally, that the policy of this facility shall incorporate non-toxic cleaner, paper and CRI Green Label carpet cleaning equipment criteria into its specifications, and update those specifications as needed to ensure the healthiest environment possible for the building occupants and employees, copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for future purchases.

In addition each building must maintain records of all training for each employee and must also maintain records of all floor maintenance to be filed quarterly.