

# Spring Clean GREEN

## Tips from the HMSC Green Team

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### RESOURCES

Look for products certified by organizations like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through verified ecolabels. These labels are “marks placed on product packaging that help consumers identify products that meet specific environmental performance criteria and are therefore deemed ‘environmentally preferable.’”



[SAFER CHOICE](#): for cleaning products like all purpose cleaners, dish soap, and laundry detergent



[DESIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT](#): for antimicrobial pesticide products, which include all purpose, toilet bowl, tub and tile disinfectants and sanitizers

### PRACTICES

#### 1. Use Multi-Purpose Products

There are many all-surface products out there that can save on purchasing multiple cleaning products, and packaging waste.

#### 2. Buy in Bulk

Buying in bulk can save not only on cost of product, but use of disposable containers and packaging. Some places even have refillable options. Check your local stores.

#### 3. A Little Goes a Long Way

Make sure to check labels, and use the appropriate amount of product. Overuse of cleaning products is a major contributor to waste.

#### 4. The 3 Rs

**Reduce** - Reduce the amount of products used.

**Reuse** - Reuse old clothes and other various household items for cleaning. Old t-shirts make for great rags, old toothbrushes can come in handy for

hard-to-clean awkward areas.

**Recycle** - Recycle when you can. Make conscious choices to purchase recyclable products and packaging.

5. Trade out your one-use Products

Many paper towels often can't be recycled. Trade out those disposable paper towels for reusable cloth or microfiber.

## **PRODUCTS**

1. [Blueland Multi-Surface Cleaner](#)
2. [ECOS All-Purpose Cleaner](#)
3. [Seventh Generation Cleaning Products](#)
4. [Grove Collaborative Cleaning](#)
5. [Clorox Compostable Cleaning Wipes](#)
6. [Tide Free and Gentle Laundry Detergent](#)
7. [Tide purclean Liquid Detergent](#)
8. [Dropps Cleaning Products](#)
9. [Woolite Carpet and Upholstery Cleaner](#)