



SF Environment

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Checklist: Practice Green Cleaning

Use Safer Practices

- Use automatic dilution systems**
Do not make stronger mixtures.
- Use disinfectants sparingly**
Good for surfaces that are touched frequently like doorknobs and keyboards. General cleaning removes 99% of germs.
- Strip floors only when needed**
Once per year or less
- Use strong products sparingly**
For example, use acid bowl cleaners only for deep cleaning.
- Use microfiber mops and cloths**
Microfiber mops clean faster, clean better, and use fewer chemicals.



Use Safer Products

- Use concentrated products**
Ready-to-use products are 15 times more expensive.
- Avoid aerosol sprays**
Trigger sprays are safer. Spray directly onto the cloth if possible. Aerosol sprays are bad for your lungs.
- Check for safe products at SFApproved.org**
City staff are required to use this site.



Prevent Pests

- Report all pest problems to your supervisor immediately**
For less toxic pest management tips: SFEnvironment.org/IPM
- Clean & dry waste bins frequently**
- Clean drains frequently with hot water or steam**
- Hang mops upside-down**

