



## Bucket 'n' Broom Residential & Commercial Cleaning Service

### Go Green!

As a residential and commercial cleaning service, Bucket 'n' Broom Residential and Commercial Cleaning Service uses plenty of natural products and methods that keep our clients' homes and offices clean and fresh-smelling without the toxic side effects. Cleaning practices with "green" products helps to not only protect our planet but our Bucket 'n' Broom maids and customers as well.

We enjoy protecting the environment and feel that is very important. We encourage you to do the same!

### What is green cleaning?

Green cleaning is the process of using cleaning products and methods developed to improve the health and performance of occupants who reside in a home or office building while minimizing the negative impact on our environment.

### How to Go Green

Cleaning is a part of our weekly and sometimes daily routine. Whether we are washing dishes, wiping off the countertop, windows, furniture, and floors, some form of toxin is floating through the air from the cleaning products. In our quest to keep our environment "germ-free", we may actually be making things worse.

Instead of using the common cleaning products, there are plenty of natural cleaning supplies and methods that can keep a house or office space clean and refreshing without the toxic side outcomes.

## Useful Green Cleaning Tips

### **Use green cleaning products**

More and more healthy, green, and useful cleaning products have begun to hit the market. Most products are non-toxic, biodegradable, and made from renewable resources (not petroleum). Home-made cleaners work just as well. Baking soda and vinegar can be used to clean almost anything, simply mix in some warm water with either of these and you have created yourself an all-purpose cleaner.

### **Toss toxic cleaners carefully**

When replacing your cleaning products, it is best not to just throw the old ones in the garbage can. If the products are too toxic for your office or home, they won't be good for the drain or the landfill either. Contact your landlord or homeowners association to see if they provide toxics & electronics recycling days. Throwing chemicals in the trash or down the drain means they might end up back in your water supply and come back to harm the environment.

### **Prevent poor indoor air quality**

The air in many homes and office buildings tend to be more toxic than the air outside. This is usually because they are being built with better insulation than before (which is a good thing from an energy standpoint). Try to keep your windows open as often as possible to allow in fresh air and keep toxins flowing out.

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### **Help your home smell better with baking soda**

Baking soda is a wonderful product to invest in. It not only removes smells coming from your fridge, but it is also a great odor-eliminator for your carpet. Try sprinkling a little baking soda to soak up some of those odors and then vacuum it up.

### **Leave the toxins outside**

Bringing outside oil, animal waste, antifreeze, particulate pollution, pollen, and who knows what else into your house or office is not good. They can be very harmful for kids and other critters that spend time on floor level. To keep these types of toxins out, invest in a good doormat or a shoeless house policy. Less dirt also means less sweeping, mopping, and vacuuming, which means less work, water, energy, and fewer chemicals.

### **Clean your home or office air naturally**

An innovative way to freshen the air is to boil cinnamon, cloves, or any other herbs you have a fondness for. Fresh chocolate chip cookies also have been known to create a friendly aroma. Also, plants may not provide a welcoming smell but they are good for filtering interior air (any broad green leaf plant will work).

## Cleaning: By the Numbers

**5 billion:** number of pounds of chemicals that the institutional cleaning industry uses each year.

**17,000:** the amount of petrochemicals available for home use, only 30% of which have been tested for exposure to human health and the environment.

**275:** the number of active ingredients in antimicrobials that the EPA classifies as pesticides because they are intended to kill microbes.

**100:** the total number of times higher that indoor air pollution levels can be above outdoor air pollution levels, according to US EPA estimates.

**63:** the amount of synthetic chemical products found in the average American home, translating to approximately 10 gallons of harmful chemicals.

**23:** the average gallons of chemicals (that's 87 liters) that a janitor uses each year, 25% of which are hazardous.



At Bucket 'n' Broom Cleaning Service, we take time to listen to your every need as well providing a safe environment. We care about your occupancy and we clean accordingly.

Contact your local Bucket 'n' Broom Cleaning Service to get a free residential or commercial cleaning estimate and to discuss our specific professional "green" cleaning services.

Visit us online at [www.bucketnbroom.com](http://www.bucketnbroom.com) to learn more about our residential and commercial cleaning services, franchise opportunities, and to locate the nearest location.

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