



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

# Educated Cleaners, LLC

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Janitorial Services

Member since November 2010

## Management and Leadership



### Environmental Policy Statement

*The following statement appears on our website: We believe everyone needs to do their part in keeping the environment clean for the health of the earth and for ourselves. With the abundance of chemical cleaners on the market we are experiencing a rise in chemical allergies, chemical sensitivities and in rare cases even loss of life. The more chemicals that we expose ourselves to on a daily basis the more likely we are to become sensitive to them. Besides the immediate effects these products have on us we are also creating a larger problem for our environment. The process used to create these chemical cleaners leave a heavy carbon footprint during production, transportation, and the packaging. The material creation and disposal aren't good either. Another large concern is how we are supposed to handle these products when using them. Have you read the back of the products you use in your home every day? ....do not swallow, do not get on your skin, only use in well ventilated spaces....and don't get us started on what happens when you mix two cleaners together. (Just in case you aren't aware mixing 2 cleaning products can be really harmful even deadly to your health and the people around you).*

*Overall it is important to use an eco-friendly cleaner to keep your environment clean and everyone around you as well. We only have one world and if we don't take care of it...who will?*

**Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

*Educated Cleaners educates our clients and consumers about the need to be environmentally aware. We personally reduce waste in each building by either replacing bulbs with CFLs, encouraging recycling program, and educating customers about toxic cleaning products.*

**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*We take pride in using refurbished and/or recycled items to take care of our clients' needs. When we are looking to purchase any items we take the following into account: where the item was made, the packaging material, longevity of the product, the effects on the environment, and whether the item can be recycled. In our cleaning services, we use recycled spray bottles, microfiber cloths, and purchase toilet paper and hand towels made from paper with recycled content.*

**Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

*At this time, we donate our cleaner to Growing Soul, a training and demonstration center for sustainable food production (<http://www.growingsoul.org/>)*

## Waste

**Recycling**

*We recycle glass, plastic, and metal.*

**Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction**

*Educated Cleaners does not use or allow the use of toxic and/or hazardous cleaning products.*

## Energy

**Energy Efficiency**

*Educated Cleaners is a family business run out of our home and we have taken the following steps to reduce energy: we use CFLs, adjust the thermostat settings to lower heat and AC use, purchase Energy Star appliances and installed new energy efficient windows.*

*At one of our client's properties we have installed 80 CFLs. This amounts to a savings of 36,000 kWh, \$6,188, and a reduction of 55,400 lbs CO<sub>2</sub> over the life of the bulb.*

## **Transportation**

### **Efficient Business Travel**

*The majority of our cleaning staff lives within 15 miles of the property they are taking care of. Many of our staff members use public transportation to go to their designated property.*

## **Water**

### **Water Conservation**

*We use minimal water when cleaning and have installed water flow restrictors and a rain barrel at our home office to conserve water as well.*

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