

GREEN CLEANING OPTIONS FOR BALTIMORE

HEALTH HAZARDS

What are 'toxic' chemicals?

There are over 80,000 chemicals on the market today, and many of them are hazardous to our health. Exposure to bisphenols, triclosan, phthalates, and others has been linked to serious health issues, including cancers, learning disorders, and asthma.

Which products contain harmful chemicals?

Manufacturers are not required to disclose or label all chemicals used, making it even harder to choose safer alternatives!

Disclosure policies and testing have revealed harmful substances in everyday cleaners, soaps, and laundry detergents.

Where can I buy safer products in my Baltimore neighborhood?

Our store survey found that half of Baltimore stores sell certified non-toxic cleaning products. These stores are mostly located in northern and southern parts of the city, and each store offers a different limited selection of non-toxic cleaners.

CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

Are toxicants restricted in consumer products?

Although Maryland is a leader in state-level chemical protections, thousands of unregulated toxic chemicals are still used in many household products. Meanwhile, Congress is in the process of revamping the decades-old Toxic Substances Control Act, but the reforms are expected to fall short of protecting our families from toxic chemicals.

Are toxicants at least labelled?

The right-to-know principle applies to all consumer products, including the cleaners we use on eating and sleeping surfaces. In order to protect our health and the health of our children, our state should adopt stronger labeling and disclosure laws to help us protect ourselves.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSUMER CHOICE

How can I be sure a product is 'green'?

Until companies eliminate toxic chemicals from products, third-party certifiers test products to guarantee human and environmental safety. The EPA's 'Safer Choice,' for example, examines products for plant-based ingredients, safer packaging, and low off-gassing levels.

How can I help keep my family safe?

The practice of 'greenwashing' – labeling a product as 'green' without actually assuring its safety – is rampant. Several brands are leading the way by disclosing and explaining their ingredient lists online. Reading and researching ingredients can help keep your family safe!

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BALTIMORE'S NON-TOXIC CLEANING PRODUCTS

Baltimore, Maryland

Here is our map of Baltimore's non-toxic cleaning supplies!

MM's Organic Market

Mill Valley General Store

Target

Harris Teeter

Staples

Safeway

Whole Foods

Although dangerous chemicals are not always labeled, common cleaning supplies contain toxics such as bisphenols and phthalates. Exposure to these chemicals has been linked to health issues, including childhood cancers, developmental disorders, reproductive issues and asthma.

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NON-TOXIC CLEANING SUPPLIES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

STORES

BRANDS

PRODUCTS

<p>Mill Valley General Store 2800 Sisson St. Baltimore, MD 21211</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dr. Bronner's ALL-ONE* ◆ Cadia* ◆ Seventh Generation ◆ Sun & Earth* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Laundry Detergent ⇒ Fabric Softener ⇒ Dish Soap ⇒ Hand Soaps
<p>MOM's Organic Market 711 W. 40th St., #163 Baltimore, MD 21211</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ E-Cover ◆ Seventh Generation ◆ Sun & Earth* ◆ Bio-Kleen* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Dishwashing Gels ⇒ Dishwashing Detergents ⇒ Laundry Detergent ⇒ Hand Soap
<p>Whole Foods Market 1001 Fleet Street, 21202 1330 Smith Ave, 21209</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mrs. Meyer's* ◆ 365* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Laundry Detergent ⇒ Hand and Dish Soaps ⇒ Multi-Purpose and Bathroom Cleaners
<p>Target 3201 Tioga Pkwy, Baltimore, MD 21215</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mrs. Meyer's* ◆ Seventh Generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Dishwashing gels and detergents ⇒ Laundry Detergent ⇒ Multi-Purpose and Bathroom Cleaners
<p>Staples 5835 York Rd; 803 Goucher Blvd 2131 York Rd; 1354 Reistertown Rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Green Works by Clorox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Multi-Purpose and Bathroom Cleaners
<p>Safeway 2800 Sisson St, Baltimore, MD 21211</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Seventh Generation ◆ Bright Green by Safeway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Hand and Dish Soaps ⇒ Surface Scrub and Multi-Purpose Cleaners ⇒ Laundry Detergent
<p>Harris Teeter 2800 Sisson St, Baltimore, MD 21211</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Seventh Generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Fabric Softener ⇒ Laundry Detergent

*Not third-party certified as a non-toxic product. Because third-party certification can present practical or economic barriers, check brand websites for ingredient disclosure.

NON-TOXIC STANDARDS: Plant-based or non-petroleum ingredients that are safer for health and the environment; clear ingredient disclosure; safer and more sustainable packaging; performance; and low-VOC content

LOOK FOR THESE CERTIFIED NON-TOXIC SEALS:



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