



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**GREEN CLEANING SCHOOLS ACT**  
[105 ILCS 140]

**FACT SHEET**

***About the Act***

The Green Cleaning Schools Act [105 ILCS 140] is the Illinois law that requires green cleaning in Illinois schools. It was enacted on August 13, 2007. The Act requires Illinois elementary and secondary schools, both public and non-public, to purchase and use only environmentally sensitive cleaning supplies.

***About the Guidelines and Specifications***

The Act directed the Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council to work with state agencies and interested stakeholders to develop guidelines and specifications for green cleaning in schools. The *Guidelines and Specifications* document details the requirements that schools *must* follow and recommendations that schools are *encouraged* to follow as they implement green cleaning.

***Required Categories of Cleaning Supplies***

Schools are required to purchase and use six categories of green cleaning supplies:

- Bathroom Cleaners
- Carpet Cleaners
- General Purpose Cleaners
- Glass, Window & Mirror Cleaners
- Hand Cleaners & Hand Soaps
- Paper products used for cleaning

Please note that disinfectants are *not* a required product category. The guidelines provide recommendations on disinfectants and advise schools to follow existing public health laws.

***Qualified Green Cleaning Supplies***

For the six required product categories, schools must use products that meet one of the following standards:

- Green Seal
- EcoLogo / Environmental Choice
- U.S. EPA Design for the Environment (*chemicals only*)
- U.S. EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Commercial and Industrial Sanitary Tissue (*paper only*)
- Alternative qualification by the Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council

***Implementing Green Cleaning in Schools***

Schools are required to purchase and use environmentally sensitive cleaning supplies as of May 9, 2008. However, schools may deplete their existing supply stocks on hand as of this date.

***Resources for Additional Information***

Please visit [www.GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://www.GreenSolutions.il.gov) for additional information regarding the Green Cleaning Schools Act. Follow the link under "Schools" in the navigation menu. This website provides the full *Guidelines and Specifications* document and other resources for implementing green cleaning in schools.