

Summary of Colorado's Regulations on Chemicals in Cleaning Products

Website: <http://www.colorado.gov/greeninggovernment/>

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1. Executive Order. Governor Bill Owens issued [Executive Order D 005 05](#), Greening of State Government on July 15, 2005. The Executive order directs all state agencies and departments to develop and implement policies to promote environmentally sustainable and economically efficient practices.

More specifically, [Executive Order D 005 05](#) directs state agencies and departments to adopt the [U.S. Green Building Council's](#) (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System for Existing Buildings ([LEED-EB](#)) in operating maintaining and managing existing buildings to the extent it is applicable and practicable.

NOTE: The [USGBC LEED-EB](#) addresses green cleaning practices and procedures. As it relates to green cleaning chemical products, LEED-EB specifies that the product must meet the criteria of the [Green Seal Standard for Institutional Cleaners \(GS-37\)](#). As to products that are not within the purview of GS-37, LEED-EB specifies that the product must be compliant with the [California VOC limitations](#) for consumer products.

2. Guidance. Colorado has launched a new website, [Greening Colorado Government](#), that provides guidance to state agencies in implementing environmentally preferable practices. The website offers various forms of guidance to state agencies such as the [State of Colorado Greening Government Planning and Implementation Guide](#), which among other things provides guidance on environmentally preferable purchasing.

In addition, the [Greening Colorado Government](#) website also has an entire section devoted to [environmentally preferable purchasing](#). Among other things, this section addresses action steps, as well as statewide and agency strategies.