

Did You Know...

Only green cleaning products are used at Amelia Island Plantation, from the kitchens to the carpets to the bathroom sinks.

What are green cleaning products? According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), green products are “**designed to reduce or eliminate negative environmental impacts.**” These products have little or no harmful chemicals and do not pose a threat to human or environmental health.

Using green cleaning products is important because:



- **It's healthier-** Harmful ingredients found in most cleaning products can have negative effects on humans and animals including eye and skin irritation, illness, dizziness, birth defects, and cancer.
- **It keeps our water cleaner-** Ingredients containing minerals and nutrients can lead to poor water quality.
- **It keeps our air more breathable-** Volatile organic compounds (VOC) in cleaning products can affect indoor air quality and also contribute to smog formation in outdoor air.

The EPA's **Design for the Environment (DfE) Program** and other such programs aim to phase out harmful cleaners and replace them with more environmentally-friendly alternatives.

For a complete list of **EPA-approved cleaning products**, or to learn more about the Design for the Environment Program and other programs, visit these websites:

- <http://www.epa.gov/dfe>
- <http://www.epa.gov/epp>
- <http://www.greenseal.org>