

# How to Choose a House Cleaning Service that is **truly GREEN**



When choosing a cleaning service, ask these 5 essential questions. Use the chart below to help you evaluate the differences before hiring a cleaning service.

- 1 Does the company use cleaning solutions that are recognized and/or certified by Green Seal or a similar, specific and tangible standard? Ask for a list.
- 2 What about the vacuums? Are they multi-level filtration systems with closed canisters? This will ensure removal of 99.9% of all pollen, pet dander, hair, mold, dust, dust mites and other respiratory irritants, which are common asthma and allergy triggers. The Carpet & Rug Institute certifies vacuums under its Green Label Program. Ask if their vacuums are certified.

- 3 What about the cleaning cloths? Are they re-usable? Do they reduce landfill waste or manufacturing processes? Do they include post-consumer recycled material or organically grown material? The special scientific weave of micro fiber is so effective, fewer cleaning chemicals are necessary. Micro fiber really grabs and holds on to dirt and dust, much more so than typical cloths or feather dusters.
- 4 What about staff training? Does the staff undergo formal training and certification to properly use green products and procedures? What assurances are there that every cleaning adheres to these standards?
- 5 Has the company conducted tests to substantiate the health and/or environmental benefits of their total system? Ask for proof.

For more information about Green Cleaning vs. Green Washing, visit [www.greenclean certified.com/green-cleaning-facts](http://www.greenclean certified.com/green-cleaning-facts).

## GREEN CLEANING Comparison Chart

- 1 Uses cleaning solutions that are certified to be effective, yet safer
- 2 Uses multi-level filtration closed canister vacuums for improved indoor air quality
- 3 Has a color coded cleaning system using micro fiber cloths & dust mops for an effective clean while avoiding cross-contamination
- 4 Their environmental and/or health claims are substantiated with proof
- 5 Adhere to certified cleaning standards for consistent and safe cleanings
- 6 Implements formal green training program according to standard operating requirements
- 7 All cleaning staff undergoes certification in accordance with recognized cleaning standards
- 8 All locations clean green

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