

# Green Product Certification

How do you know if a paint or stain will not contaminate the air by off-gassing volatile organic compounds? What determines whether a particular cleaning product is "green?" Two research organizations are recognized by USGBC for testing and certification of products that typically contain substances known to compromise IAQ. Green Seal and GREENGUARD monitor products containing substances that compromise IAQ.

**Green Seal** is an independent, non-profit organization that strives to achieve a healthier and cleaner environment by identifying and promoting products and services that cause less toxic pollution and waste, conserve resources and habitats, and minimize global warming and ozone depletion. Green Seal has no financial interest in the products that it certifies or recommends, or in any manufacturer or company. Green Seal's evaluations are based on state-of-the-art science and information using internationally recognized methods and procedures.

*Green Seal's Product Standards and Certification* program develops environmental standards for leadership products in specific categories, and certifies products that meet these standards. *Green Seal's Product Recommendations* program produces technical reports (*Choose Green Reports*) on products in a variety of categories giving specific brand recommendations of those that meet screening criteria.

Green Seal provides recommendations on:

- Carpeting
- Floor care products
- Wood finishes and stains
- Paper products
- Office furnishings
- Other types of products

For specific information, visit [www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org).

The **GREENGUARD Environmental Institute™** is an industry-independent, non-profit organization that oversees the *GREENGUARD Certification Program* for low-emitting products, including the establishment of acceptable standards for interior products and testing protocols. Access to the *GREENGUARD Product Guide*, an IAQ resource, is provided at no charge. Featured products are regularly tested to ensure that their chemical and particle emissions meet acceptable IAQ pollutant guidelines and standards. *GREENGUARD Certification* is a voluntary program available to all product manufacturers and their suppliers.

GREENGUARD product reviews include:

- Adhesives
- Fabrics
- Flooring
- Furniture
- Paints and coatings
- Wall finishes
- Other types of products

Learn more at [www.greenguard.org](http://www.greenguard.org).



- **These independent product testing and certification laboratories validate the claims of products designed to protect IAQ**

