

## EcoLogo revises hard surface cleaner standard

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**OTTAWA:** EcoLogo has released a newly-revised environmental standard for hard surface cleaners that limits products containing asthmagens—chemicals known to trigger or aggravate asthma.

The revised standard strengthens the health and environmental requirements for certification of hard surface cleaners, said EcoLogo, and specifically limits the use of asthmagens and excludes substances that are harmful to humans or the environment. These include ammonia, formaldehyde and phthalates, all of which are hazardous chemicals commonly found in cleaning products.

“This standard sets a vital benchmark to help identify hard surface cleaning products that excel in protecting health and the environment,” says Angela Griffiths, executive director of the EcoLogo Program. “We hope that purchasers and consumers will recognize the level of leadership and innovation

displayed by manufacturers that have achieved EcoLogo certification for their environmentally preferable goods.”

This broad-reaching standard covers a variety of products used at home, in schools and in other institutional and commercial environments. It includes general purpose, bathroom and glass cleaners as well as dish detergents, degreasers and cleaners for cooking appliances. Beyond household cleaning products, the standard also includes industrial, vehicle and boat cleaners. Limiting asthmagens is an important addition to this standard and EcoLogo said it would continue to research the issue to ensure that future revisions keep up to date with current research on asthmagens.