

Check These Systems to Find Less Toxic, Less Volatile, More Biodegradable Products

1. EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) System <http://epa.gov/dfe/index.htm>

EPA allows safer products to carry the Design for the Environment (DfE) label. This mark enables consumers to quickly identify and choose products that can help protect the environment and are safer for families.

When you see the DfE logo on a product it means that the DfE scientific review team has screened each ingredient for potential human health and environmental effects and that—based on currently available information, EPA predictive models, and expert judgment—the product contains only those ingredients that pose the least concern among chemicals in their class.

2. Green Seal System

<http://www.greenseal.org/GreenBusiness/Standards.aspx>

Green Seal is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding the environment and transforming the marketplace by promoting the manufacture, purchase, and use of environmentally responsible products and services.

Green Seal Certification ensures that a product meets rigorous, science-based leadership standards. This gives manufacturers the assurance to back up their claims and purchasers confidence that certified products are better for human health and the environment.

3. EcoLogo Program

<http://www.ecologo.org/en/>

Founded in 1988 by the Government of Canada but now recognized world-wide, EcoLogo™ is North America's largest, most respected environmental standard and certification mark. EcoLogo provides customers – public, corporate and consumer – with assurance that the products and services bearing the logo meet stringent standards of environmental leadership. With THOUSANDS of EcoLogo Certified products, EcoLogo certifies environmental leaders covering a large variety of categories, helping you find and trust the world's most sustainable products

4. San Francisco Department of Public Health

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/Green/MarineFinalReport.pdf> (Page 21). This list provides information on chemicals of concern by product categories such as hull paints or glass cleaners, for example. Known hazardous ingredients to avoid commonly found in those product categories are highlighted and better alternative ingredients are proposed.