

BASIC INFORMATION

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CLEANING PRODUCTS ARE DOING TO THE <u>CARBON</u>
<u>FOOTPRINT!</u>

WE LOVE WHEN OUR HOME SMELLS LIKE FRESH COTTON OR WILD CHERRY, BUT HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IS INSIDE YOUR DAILY <u>CLEANING PRODUCTS?</u> WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN, AND WHAT IS THE DANGER OF USING IT? YES, THERE ARE DANGERS AND SIDE EFFECTS THAT COME WITH HAVING YOUR HOME SQUEAKY CLEAN AND SMELLING LOVELY.

HERE ARE ONLY A FEW EXAMPLES OF YOUR USUAL CLEANING PRODUCTS THAT ARE HARMFUL NOT ONLY TO YOU BUT ALSO TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

AGI'S METHOD

CHANGING THE ABOVE PRODUCTS TO AEG CLEANING SERVICES, WHERE OUR PRODUCTS HAVE ZERO CHEMICALS, YOU STILL GET THE CLEANLINESS YOU ARE USED TO WITHOUT CAUSING ANY HARM. WELL, THE ONLY DAMAGE YOU CAN DO IS THE JEALOUS LOOK ON YOUR FRIEND'S FACE WHEN SHE FINDS OUT THAT BY USING OUR PRODUCTS, YOU HAVE NOT ONLY REMOVED THE DANGEROUS TOXINS FROM AROUND YOU, BUT YOU ARE ALSO DOING YOUR BIT TO REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.

AGI'S FAST FACTS

IMPORTANT FACTS

BLEACH IS A CHLORINE-BASED CORROSIVE SUBSTANCE, WHICH IS A CHEMICAL ELEMENT. COMBINED WITH VINEGAR, AMMONIA, OR ANY ACID CLEANING PRODUCTS, IT CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, HUMANS, AND PETS. THE SMELL OF THE BLEACH IS POWERFUL, AND WHEN INHALED, IT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR LUNGS AND NERVOUS SYSTEM AS WELL AS HEADACHES, VOMITING, EYES IRRITATION AND MUSCLE WEAKNESS. ALSO, IF BLEACH GETS IN TOUCH WITH THE SKIN, IT CAN CAUSE SEVERE BURNS TO THE TISSUE.

DETERGENTS CONTAIN 25 HARMFUL CHEMICALS THAT MAY HAVE A
NEGATIVE EFFECT NOT ONLY ON YOUR HEALTH BUT ALSO ON THE
ENVIRONMENT. HOWEVER, THE MOST TOXIC CHEMICAL IS 1,4 DIOXANE,
USED AS A SOLVENT. IF INHALED IN LARGER QUANTITIES, IT MAY CAUSE
DROWSINESS, DIZZINESS, HEADACHES, IRRITATION TO THE THROAT,
LUNGS AND NOSE. OTHER SIDE EFFECTS ARE IRRITATION TO THE EYES
AND EVEN ANOREXIA. SOME RESEARCHERS CONSIDER 1,4 DIOXANE A
HUMAN CARCINOGEN.

FLOOR CLEANERS ARE FULL OF TOXIC CHEMICALS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO HUMANS, PETS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT: HOWEVER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THOSE ON THE BACK OF YOUR FLOOR CLEANER BOTTLE, WHICH ARE SODIUM LAURYL SULFATE (SLS), OR SODIUM LAURETHA SULFATE (SLES), PHTHALATES, MEA (MONOETHANOLAMINE), DEA (DIETHANOLAMINE), TEA (TRIETHANOLAMINE), SULPHATES AND PHOSPHATES OR TRICLOSAN, KNOW THAT THEY'RE TOXIC. DIRECT CONTACT WITH THOSE CHEMICALS CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE EYES, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN, DAMAGE TO THE SKIN BY CAUSING BURNS OR CAN LEAD TO DRY, ITCHY, FLAKY SKIN, ASTHMA, LUNG IRRITATION, ALLERGIES, AND IT ALSO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLLUTING OUR WATER BODIES AND STARVING MARINE LIFE OF OXYGEN.

GLASS CLEANERS CONTAIN MANY CHEMICALS THAT MAKE YOUR WINDOWS CLEAN AND SHINY. ONE OF THEM IS AMMONIA, A POISON THAT CAN IRRITATE THE EYES, SKIN, AND NOSE WHEN INHALED AND CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

OVEN CLEANERS CONTAIN MANY TOXIC INGREDIENTS:
HOWEVER, THE MOST KNOWN IS CAUSTIC SODA (SODIUM
HYDROXIDE), WHICH IS VERY HIGH ALKALINE (ALKALINE IS
ANY SUBSTANCE HAVING A BASE PH GREATER THAN 7). IT
IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED TO READ THE BACK LABEL FOR
INSTRUCTION ON USING IT AND THE SIDE EFFECTS. SOME OF
THE CHEMICALS FOUND IN THE OVEN CLEANERS CAN
DAMAGE YOUR SKIN BY CAUSING BURNS, IRRITATING YOUR
NOSE AND LUNGS, OR EVEN CAUSING BLINDNESS. IT CAN
ALSO DAMAGE YOUR APPLIANCES.

THE GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

CHECK OUR <u>BLOGS</u> FOR OTHER WAYS AND TIPS ON HOW TO BE <u>CARBON</u> FOOTPRINT CONSCIOUS AND RECOMMEND US TO YOUR FRIENDS.