



## CLEANTECH SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

*Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully!*

*- Unknown Author*

***Our mission is to provide consistent service and support through innovative cleaning methods***

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### Tips for clearing the clutter and cleaning the mess:

1. Always think top to bottom, and do floors last.
2. Look for multi-surface cleaners.
3. Use flexible dusters that trap dust instead of the old-school feather ones that just move dust around.
4. Remember the three R's: Recycle old magazines instead of throwing them out in the garbage. Reuse items like old rags and brushes for cleaning tools. And reduce by donating things you no longer use, like clothes and furniture.
5. Try to maintain the area on a weekly basis. Use organizational tools like bins and cardboard boxes for storage.
6. Avoid using harsh commercial chemicals. Try "green cleaning" products instead.

### Health Tips

1. Pause to enjoy the view
2. Enjoy to the light breeze
3. Close your eyes and take a deep breath
4. Soak up the sunshine
5. Bond with family and friends

Contact Maureen at IBM for your window cleaning or power washing needs @ 604-244-3900.

Not all green cleaning products are created equal. Therefore, it is important to do some research before considering the products. When choosing a product, do consider the following criteria:

- **Performance** - Saves time while cleaning effectively and ensure the pristine appearance of your workplace or household.
- **People** – Safeguards the health and safety of employees and cleaners.
- **Planet** – Raw materials should be biodegradable and meet highest environmental standards for safe storage, transportation and disposal.
- **Price** – Priced competitively when compare to conventional cleaning products in the same categories.

### Household Green Cleaning Items:

- Baking soda
- White vinegar
- Liquid castile soap (a mild soap made of sodium hydroxide and olive oil)
- Scouring pad
- Microfibre cloths, cotton rags and/or sponges

At Cleantech Janitorial we recognize the importance of sustainable cleaning practices and the health benefits they create for our clients and our personnel alike. We continue to monitor the use of cleaning chemicals by our personnel and use environmentally responsible "green" cleaning agents whenever possible.

