

MES Green Cleaning Supply List | Fall 2018-Spring 2019



CLEANING

Babyganics All Purpose Surface Wipes, Fragrance Free [Date entered: after 2016]

For general daily cleaning: Multi-surface, Multi-purpose, and Heavy-duty

DISINFECTING

For Cold & Flu Season -- Multi-surface, Kills 99.99% of household germs botanically



Disinfecting Spray:

Seventh Generation Disinfecting Multi-Surface Cleaner

❖ **NOTE:**

Please separate ***routine general cleaning*** from ***spot disinfecting***. Often disinfecting wipes aren't necessary because simple cleaning is all that is needed. ***The process of disinfecting*** means a surface must first be cleaned, then the wet disinfectant applied and allowed to sit for a "dwell time," allowed to dry, and rinsed clean. If only there is a particular illness outbreak, then sanitizers may be used in areas that might be contaminated. Please use disinfectants when required, or selectively in high-risk areas. Disinfect ***only*** in target areas. Please follow manufacturers' instructions and establish procedures on how the supplies should be used -- Children should never be directed to clean with disinfectant or cleaning wipes at school. CDC: "*Cleaning with an all-purpose product removes most germs*".

HAND SOAP

BabyGanics Fine & Handy Foaming Hand Soap - Unscented



❖ **NOTE:**

The best way to prevent germs from spreading is to *use soap and water* for *daily* hand washing -- ***NOT sanitizers*** because using antibacterial products can create "super bugs" resistant to antibiotics. There are inappropriate demands for 'disinfection'. Please encourage students to practice proper hand-washing techniques. CDC: *Washing hands with soap and water is effective*.

HAND SANITIZER

Babyganics Alcohol-Free Foaming Hand Sanitizer - Fragrance Free



❖ **NOTE:**

Please only apply during the school fieldtrips.

AIR REFRESHER

None (one might consider a homemade natural air freshener with organic Essential Oils)

❖ **NOTE:**

A number of schools around the globe ban air fresheners and room deodorizers. Both aerosols and plug-in air fresheners can contain hundreds of chemicals. Even air fresheners labeled organic, green, unscented, or all-natural can emit hazardous chemicals, particularly hormone-disrupting phthalates.

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To support a healthy learning environment for our children, MES is committed to using safer cleaning products. Many common cleaning products contain ingredients that can exacerbate asthma, allergies, and even cause cancer. We use the [Environmental Working Group](#) rating system to select the best possible products and encourage you to check out the ratings of products in your own home. Read [here](#) for more about selecting safer cleaning products and [here](#) for other great tips on creating a healthy environment for kids.

Supplies - Amazon Links:

- **Babyganics All Purpose Surface Wipes, Fragrance Free**
https://www.amazon.com/Babyganics-Fragrance-contains-75-count-canisters/dp/B00KXARZE6/ref=sr_1_1_s_it?s=hpc&ie=UTF8&qid=1530207459&sr=1-1&keywords=Babyganics+All+Purpose+Surface+Wipes%2C+Fragrance+Free
- **Seventh Generation Disinfecting Multi-Surface Cleaner - Lemongrass Citrus**
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00IB0CLHQ/ref=sspa_dk_detail_0?psc=1
- **BabyGanics Fine & Handy Foaming Hand Soap - Unscented**
https://www.amazon.com/BabyGanics-Handy-Foaming-Unscented-Ounce/dp/B00J2L3N4S/ref=sr_1_3_s_it?ie=UTF8&qid=1530231569&sr=1-3&keywords=babyganics+hand+soap&dplD=41G0MT3ke2L&preST=_SY300_QL70_&dpSrc=srch
- **Babyganics Alcohol-Free Foaming Hand Sanitizer - Fragrance Free**
https://www.amazon.com/Babyganics-Alcohol-Free-Foaming-Sanitizer-Fragrance/dp/B00J2L3H3K/ref=sr_1_1?srs=7301146011&ie=UTF8&qid=1530207619&sr=8-1&keywords=Babyganics+Alcohol-Free+Foaming+Hand+Sanitizer%2C+Fragrance+Free