

Make Clean Air Count with Low VOC Paints and Cleaning Supplies Around the House

Recognition. Good citizenship. Admiration from neighbors, friends, and family. Better respiratory health?

For most, respiratory health does not match up with recognition and citizenship, unless the environment is the cause for discussion. By following environment-friendly guidelines in your homes, you can reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in your home.

High VOC products emit smog-producing pollutants into the air, causing damage to the earth and your family. However, there are ways to reduce emissions. Low VOC paints and cleaning products are available for home and business use at your local home supply store. Not only are these products environment friendly, but in most cases they're cheaper too.

Switching to low VOC paints and cleaning products is easy – it requires no new tools or equipment and VOC levels are listed on product labels. Benefits of using low VOC paints and cleaning products include:

- Lower levels of ozone pollution
- Fewer emission of smog-forming chemicals
- No special equipment needed
- Reduced incidents of eye and respiratory irritation from fewer fumes
- Low VOC products are cost competitive

Find out how you can make Clean Air Count by visiting www.cleanaircounts.org. Make your home and/or community a leader at making our air cleaner, our quality of life better and our home climate more inviting.

Clean Air Counts is a six-county Chicago regional initiative of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V, City of Chicago, and Illinois EPA. It seeks significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and energy consumption.

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