

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: All-Purpose Cleaners

Potential Hazards: May contain chlorine, ammonia, organic solvents, and/or strong fragrances. Harmful or fatal if swallowed. Some are flammable; some can cause skin or eye burns. Cleaners should not be mixed together or with other products.

Recycle/Reuse: If you have leftover cleaners in usable condition, check with neighbors, church groups or the local community to see if they can use them. You may also take them to your Regional Collection Center's swap shop for other residents to use.

Proper Disposal: Take leftover all-purpose cleaners to your local Regional Collection Center, find yours at iowadnr.gov/hhm under the RCC tab.

Green Alternatives: Instead of purchasing every specialized cleaner on the market, it is better to buy fewer products and use each one for several purposes. Look for signal words on the label, such as *Toxic, Danger, Caution, Warning*. They help you determine which product may be more hazardous. Products without the signal words, such as natural or plant-based cleaners, are considered to be the greenest alternatives.