SHOPPING TIPS
BUYING & USING SAFER HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

CHOOSE SAFER PRODUCTS

✓ Read labels:
  o Avoid products labeled “poison” or “danger”
  o Avoid products with strong chemicals such as bleach and ammonia
  o Avoid products with a strong fragrance
✓ Avoid aerosol products
✓ Look for products with milder ingredients (plant-based, essential oils)
✓ Buy only enough product for the job if using a more toxic product
✓ Make your own cleaners. Find recipes at: www.ct.gov/deep/greencleaning
✓ Look for products with an eco-certification label such as Green Seal:
  http://www.greenseal.org/ that have been tested by a third party independent agency or
  with a logo such as DfE (www.epa.gov/dfe/).

USE SAFELY

✓ Use according to directions
✓ Never mix bleach and ammonia. Dangerous gases will be produced.
✓ Open windows and doors, run exhaust fans when cleaning.
✓ Do not clean with small children in the area
✓ Keep all products in their original containers; if making your own – label all bottles
✓ Store products away from children.

DISPOSE OF SAFELY

✓ Bring any toxic products to your local Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) site for
disposal: www.ct.gov/dep/hhw
✓ Never pour toxic products down the drain.
✓ Read instructions for proper disposal