

# environmental living & BUILDING

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MAKE "GREEN" BUILDING AND LIVING SOLUTIONS ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND GRATIFYING.

STEWARDSHIP:
FROM PROCUREMENT
TO DELIVERY

# The Green Depot Manifesto

**Everything we offer must meet or exceed the existing standard for:** 

- . QUALITY
- **EFFICIENCY**
- **FUNCTIONALITY**
- . DESIGN
- . INNOVATION

# Green Depot Locations

LIVE Stores
. Manhattan, NY

#### **BUILD Stores**

- . Chicago, IL
- . Philadelphia, PA
- . Stoneham, MA
- . Newark, NJ
- . Brooklyn, NY
- . Greenport, NY
- . Albany, NY (Coming Soon!)
- Newark, DE (Coming Soon!)

#### **Distribution Centers**

- . Hartford, CT
- . Newark, DE
- . Waldorf, MD
- . Manchester, NH
- . Pleasantville, NJ
- . Wall Township, NJ
- . Albany, NY
- . Farmingdale, NY
- . Mattituck, NY
- . Newburgh, NY



### Green Depot Product Categories

Adhesives, Caulks & Sealants
Appliances
Building Materials
Conservation
Decor
Doors & Windows
Energy & Filtration

Electronics
Flooring
Industrial Cleaning
Kitchen & Bath
Lighting & Fans
Outdoors
Paint & Finishes

Plumbing Storage Solar Tools, Hardw





### CHALLENGES

Availability and efficacy of green materials

Regional, economic, and social conditions





Lack of understanding on the part of homeowners, developers, designers and builders

#### GREEN ICON NAVIGATION SYSTEM

The icon system is designed to connect Green Depot's rigorous back-end product "filter" to a simple, front-end system that clarifies what and why a product can claim it is "green".

Clarifies the considerations surrounding the complex green conversation

Organizes them behind 5 basic environmental "end benefits"

>>> Icons are awarded in full and half tone using a consistent methodology

Gateway to Green Depot's product database

# WHY IS IT NECESSARY

- Educates and enables consumers to navigate the environmental considerations in a simple way
- Serves as easy entry for new customers to understand and engage as "green" consumers
- With insight & knowledge, consumers are empowered to drive the marketplace



### THE WAY WE SEE GREEN





- NO OR VERY LOW VOCs
- NO RADIOACTIVE
- CONTAMINANTS

- NO PARTICULATES
   NO COMBUSTION GASSES
- MOLD FIGHTER • OXYGEN MAKER
- SOUND INSULATOR







- RECYCLED, RECLAIMED, REUSED
- RAPIDLY RENEWABLE
- PROTECTED/STEWARDED





- DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN JOBS
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
- WORKER PROTECTION
   TRUTHFUL MARKETING





- ENERGY-CONSERVING DESIGN
   PASSIVE ENERGY SOURCE
   LOCAL





• LOCAL BUSINESS STIMULANT







standards

Protect and guide

Green Depot in its

own unique corporate

mission

Developed using Green Depot's knowledge and experience along with help of experts affiliated with Lowell Center for Sustainable Production





#### WHAT IS THE "GREEN DEPOT FILTER"?

6-step process for disciplined, even-handed evaluation of prospective products

- . Defines Green Depot's standard for product performance & environmental composition
- . Clarifies Green Depot's environmental thresholds, "red flags" and requirements
- . Assists in the compiling of a detailed product profile database that Green Depot will transparently make available to consumers online

#### WHY IS IT NECESSARY ■

- Greenwashing
- Complex, subjective nature of defining "green"
- Dynamic change & growth in the green building sector
- Products
- Guidelines
- Certifications
- Terminology

#### GREEN DEPOT FILTER PROCESS

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#### **PROCESS**

- 1. Send out vendor questionnaire with questions regarding product composition and performance.
- 2. Check MSDSs for wet ingredients and for articles with coatings, binders, etc.
- 3. **Rule out** products with harmful ingredients using internal Red Flag Chemical Database (EPA's SARA list, California's Prop 65 list, and Environmental Defense Fund's "Scorecard" and other related chemicals)
- 4. Establish credibility of other green attributes, and award halftone or fulltone icons. Products evaluated on basis of:
  - Air quality: VOC level; non-toxic inputs; ability to detect or filter pollutants
  - Energy Efficiency: passive energy savings, or more efficient than mainstream products
  - Conservation: renewable & recycled content; durability; biodegradeability; water savings
  - Local: does material extraction, processing or manufacture occur w/in 500 miles of Green Depot's Brooklyn HQ
  - Responsibility: subjective evaluation of companies' corporate social responsibility programs

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

#### LEVERAGE REPUTABLE INFORMATION SOURCES

















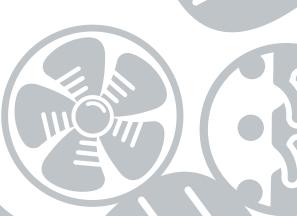


















# **PROS**

Efficacy

**Quality Control** 

Internal Training

Leadership

# **CONS**

Non-Disclosure

No 3rd Party Verification

Workload

Market Pressure



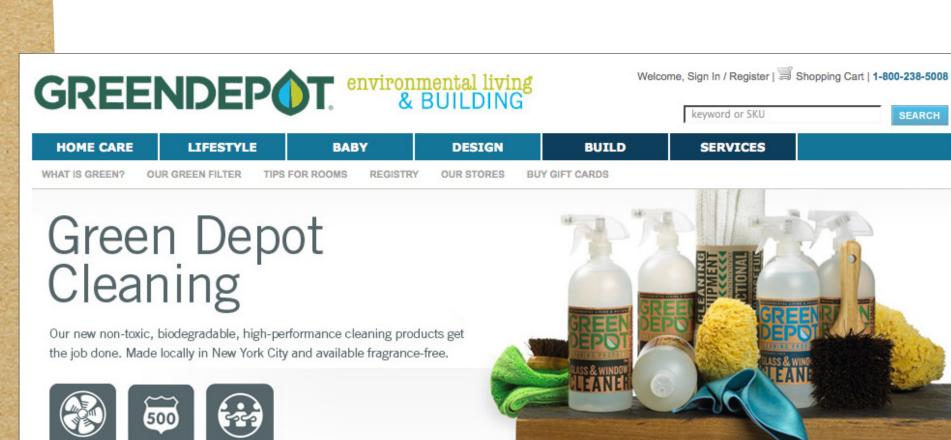
#### GREENDEPOT.COM

#### **E-Commerce:**

. Home of Green Depot's product database

. Recreates the Green Depot brick & mortar experience online

**INTERACTIVE INFORMATIVE SOLUTION MINDED PRACTICAL FRESH RELEVANT** TRANSPARENT FUN



#### Green Depot's Mission

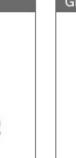
Make "green" building and living solutions accessible, affordable and gratifying.

How We See Green: Icon System **Green Depot Store Locations Get Green Tips for Rooms** 

#### Cleaning Products









SEARCH

