

The BioPreferred program is a Federal initiative designed to increase the development, purchase, and use of biobased products made from agricultural, forestry, or marine materials. The BioPreferred program aims to increase the purchase and use of renewable, environmentally friendly biobased products, while spurring job creation through expanding new markets for farmers, manufacturers, and vendors. The program offers three major benefits: climate change impact reduction, energy/environmental security, and economic development.

There are more than 21,000 biobased products on the market today. The BioPreferred program has designated (identified) more than 5,000 products in 50 product categories for Federal preferred purchase. These “BioPreferred” products meet/exceed minimum biobased content levels set by the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Many of these products are used in the janitorial sector, and they include:

### Adhesive and Mastic Removers

Solvent products formulated for use in removing asbestos, carpet, and tile mastics as well as adhesive materials, including glue, tape, and gum, from various surface types

### Bathroom and Spa Cleaners



Products designed to clean and/or prevent deposits on bathroom/spa surfaces (bathtubs, shower stalls, shower doors, counters); products may be designed for a specific type of surface or for multiple surface types, and they are available both in concentrated and ready-to-use forms

### Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners – General Purpose



Cleaning products formulated specifically for use in cleaning carpets and upholstery, through a dry or wet process, found in locations such as houses, cars, and workplaces; carpet and upholstery cleaners formulated for use in cleaning large areas such as the carpet in an entire room or the upholstery on an entire piece of furniture

### Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners – Spot Removers

Carpet and upholstery cleaners formulated for use in removing spots or stains in a small confined area

### Films

- Non-Durable — Products used in packaging, wrappings, linings, and other similar applications; films intended for single use for short-term storage or protection before being discarded; non-durable films designed to have longer lives when used are included in this item
- Semi-Durable — Products used in packaging, wrappings, linings, and other similar applications; films designed to resist water, ammonia, and other compounds, to be re-used, and to not readily biodegrade; products in this item typically are used in the production of bags and packaging materials

### Floor Strippers

Products formulated to loosen waxes, resins, or varnishes from floor surfaces; can be in either liquid or gel form, and also may be used with or without mechanical assistance



## General Purpose Household Cleaners

Products designed to clean multiple common household surfaces, not including products formulated for use as disinfectants

## Glass Cleaners



Products designed for use in cleaning glass surfaces

## Graffiti and Grease Removers



Industrial solvent products used to remove automotive, industrial, or kitchen soils and oils from hard surfaces

## Hand Cleaners and Sanitizers – Hand Cleaners



Products designed for personal care use in removing soils, greases, and similar substances from human hands, with or without water

## Hand Cleaners and Santizers – Hand Sanitizers



Products designed for personal care use in removing bacteria from human hands, with or without water

## Industrial Cleaners



Products used to remove contaminants (adhesives, dirt, inks, soil, grease) from parts, products, tools, machinery, equipment, vessels, floors, walls, and other production-related work areas; these products are usually solvents but may take other forms and are used in straight solution or diluted with water in pressure washers, or in hand-wiping applications in industrial or manufacturing settings

## Ink Removers and Cleaners

Products designed to remove ink, haze, glaze, and other residual ink contaminants from surfaces of equipment (such as rollers used in textile and printing industries)

## Laundry

- General Purpose — Products designed to clean, condition, or otherwise affect the quality of the laundered material; such products include but are not limited to laundry detergents, bleach, stain removers, and fabric softeners; these are laundry products used for regular cleaning activities
- Pre-Treatment Spot Remover — Products designed to clean, condition, or otherwise affect the quality of the laundered material; such products include but are not limited to laundry detergents, bleach, stain removers, and fabric softeners; these are laundry products specifically used to pre-treat laundry to assist in the removal of spots and stains during laundering

## Multipurpose Cleaners



Products designed to clean dirt, grease, and grime from a variety of items in industrial and domestic settings; these do not include products formulated for use as disinfectants

Finding BioPreferred products for the janitorial sector is simple, using the program's online catalog. To view the catalog, go to [www.biopreferred.gov](http://www.biopreferred.gov). To submit biobased products to be included in the catalog, email [biopreferred@usda.gov](mailto:biopreferred@usda.gov).



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