

# Cleaning with microfiber cloths and mops



Best practices for schools



## Why use microfiber tools for cleaning?

Microfiber cleaning cloths and mops are a better choice than cotton rags and paper towels because they:

- ✓ Remove more dirt, oils, grease, and germs from surfaces
- ✓ Dry faster than cotton
- ✓ Are washable (less landfill waste)
- ✓ Are durable and inexpensive
- ✓ Need less cleaning detergent to be effective

## Where do I find microfiber cleaning tools?

Microfiber cloths and mops are available in grocery stores, hardware stores, big box stores and online. Prices can be cheap

Microfiber mops are far lighter than their cotton counterparts, helping to save employees from neck and back injuries from heavy, water-soaked cotton mops.



especially when bought in bulk. There are differences in quality and durability. Higher-priced cloths usually have smaller fibers and pick up more dirt and dust, but even the inexpensive ones get good results.

## How do I clean and maintain my microfiber tools?

- ✓ Be sure to clean microfiber cleaning cloths after every use. Use color-coded cloths for different areas in your school, so you don't transfer germs from one area to another.
- ✓ Wash and dry microfiber separately from all other laundry.
- ✓ Do not use bleach! This will shorten the life span of the microfiber.
- ✓ Do not use fabric softener! Fabric softeners contain oils that clog up microfibers. This makes them less effective during your next use.
- ✓ Wash heavily soiled microfiber cloths and mop heads in warm or hot water with detergent. Lightly soiled cloths can be washed in cold, or even on the gentle cycle.
- ✓ Microfiber dries very fast, so plan on a short laundry cycle. You can also hang items up to dry.

