

Commit to Action

The Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3)

President Obama's United We Serve

You can protect children where they learn. [The Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign \(SC3\)](http://www.epa.gov/sc3) <www.epa.gov/sc3> offers volunteer opportunities for technical experts and the general public to get involved in their neighborhood K-12 schools. Do more to protect students and staff where they learn and teach by creating a chemically healthier learning environment.

Choose one (or all) action(s) below and identify more actions you can take in the future. **Note:** *Some activities require only an interest in children's environmental health; others require highly specialized technical expertise. Examples of actions based on expertise are found in the Types of Volunteers and Activities chart on the next page.*

Talk to your neighborhood schools (*no specialized expertise necessary*):

- Download the [online SC3 instructional video](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/video/SC3/index.htm) <www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/video/SC3/index.htm>.
- Facilitate informational meetings between school staff and interested community, government and industry volunteers.

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Practice responsible chemical management (*students and teachers*):

- Learn more about responsible chemical management in schools.
- Work with your school to sign a pledge to practice safe chemical management.
- Read chemical labels carefully, use chemicals safely, wear the right personal protective equipment, and lock up chemicals so students can't reach them.

Volunteer at your local schools to assist with chemical management needs (*in some cases, specialized expertise is necessary*):

- Meet with your school officials about appropriate steps to take and help implement the steps found in the [Building Successful Programs to Address Chemical Risks in Schools Workbook](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/pdfs/workbk.pdf) <www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/pdfs/workbk.pdf>.
- Conduct a chemical inventory if you are qualified (or find someone who is).
- Convene a team to address the issue.
- Provide training in chemical management and/or safety.
- Provide safety and storage equipment.

- ❑ **Be Green! Prevent potentially dangerous chemicals from being used and stored in schools** (*students, teachers and school staff*)
 - Learn about Green Curricula in the [Building Successful Programs to Address Chemical Risks in Schools Workbook](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/pdfs/workbk.pdf) <www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/pdfs/workbk.pdf>.
 - Download and share the [Green Cleaning Fact Sheet](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/pdfs/green-clean.pdf) <www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/sc3/pdfs/green-clean.pdf>.

- ❑ **Spread the word** (*no specialized expertise necessary*):
 - Teach others where you work or go to school.
 - Encourage your community to get involved!

Types of Volunteers and Activities

Chemical Suppliers	Colleges and Universities
Provide technical assistance for purchasing, storage, and disposal	Help schools assess chemical cleanout, management and disposal issues
Provide chemical management services	Offer courses and training for teachers and school district employees
Waste Handlers	Environment, Health, and Education Agencies
Perform comprehensive inventory of chemicals in school facilities	Fund school chemical cleanout and prevention programs
Offer cost-effective waste analysis and handling solutions	Provide technical assistance to schools in conducting chemical inventories and cleanouts
Fire, Police, and Emergency Response	Parents and Concerned Community Members
Learn about chemical risks in schools	Work with schools to adopt responsible chemical management practices
Assist schools in developing emergency response plans	Identify community experts who can assist schools with chemical management needs
Establish effective communication	Learn more about green curricula and responsible chemical management in schools