



Phillips Community, Minneapolis

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Organization

Hope Community is a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of Phillips residents through affordable housing and leadership development programs.

Intern Project

Promote and support the adoption of safer janitorial products in multi-family housing and commercial buildings.

Incentives to Change

Safer janitorial products can improve air quality and community health by reducing the emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which degrade local air quality and are hazardous to human health.



Solutions

Evaluate Janitorial Products:

Assessed the safety of 133 products used at 15 businesses.

Identify Safer Products:

Identified safer alternatives that contain fewer HAPs and Chemicals of Concern, and generate less ozone.

Community Engagement:

Promoted the use of safer cleaning products among residents by providing information on how to choose safer products at Open Streets and through neighborhood groups.

Training:

Conducted a training session on safer kitchen cleaners for small businesses at Mercado Central.

