## **REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE**

Putting aside the obvious environmental challenges involved in reducing solvent consumption, energy usage and water conservation, professional cleaners have innumerable environmental sustainability opportunities.

Here is a fairly comprehensive list of the items that cleaners can use for reducing, reusing and recycling:

- 1. Hanger recycling
- 2. Plastic bag recycling
- 3. Use of biodegradable plastic bags
- 4. Use of recycled paper for packaging
- 5. Reusable garment bags
- 6. Reusable tote bags
- 7. Adoption of paperless invoicing, statements and order tracking systems
- 8. Use of post consumer recycled paper in lunchrooms, bathrooms and other employees support areas.
- 9. Hybrid vehicles for pick up and delivery
- 10. Car pooling or public transportation for employees
- 11. Adoption of electronic notification for promotions, pick up and deliveries, inter- and intra-office communications, telecommuting, etc.
- 12. Use of eco-friendly printing sources for printed materials