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#### • Green Chemistry

- Branch of chemistry that deals with design of products and processes that minimize or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances
- The term Green chemistry and sustainable chemistry are used interchangeably

- It was started as a part of strategy to address environmental problems
- In 1998, Paul Anastas and John C. Warner formulated principles of green chemistry
- The 12 principles address reducing the environmental and health impacts of chemical production





#### Concepts covered

- Design of process to maximize the amount of raw material that ends up in the product
- Use of renewable material feedstocks and energy sources
- Use of safe, environmentally benign substances, including solvents, whenever possible
- Design of energy efficient processes
- Avoiding the production of waste, which is viewed as the ideal form of waste management

- 1. Prevention: Preventing waste is better than treating or cleaning up waste after it is created.
- 2. Atom economy: Synthetic methods should try to maximize the incorporation of all materials used in the process into the final product. This means that less waste will be generated as a result.
- 3. Less hazardous chemical syntheses: Synthetic methods should avoid using or generating substances toxic to humans and/or the environment.



- 4. Designing safer chemicals: Chemical products should be designed to achieve their desired function while being as non-toxic as possible.
- 5. Safer solvents and auxiliaries: Auxiliary substances should be avoided wherever possible, and as non-hazardous as possible when they must be used.

6. Design for energy efficiency: Energy requirements should be minimized, and processes should be conducted at ambient temperature and pressure whenever possible.



7. Use of renewable feedstocks: Whenever it is practical to do so, renewable feedstocks or raw materials are preferable to non-renewable ones.

8. Reduce derivatives: Unnecessary generation of derivatives—such as the use of protecting groups—should be minimized or avoided if possible; such steps require additional reagents and may generate additional waste.

9. Catalysis: Catalytic reagents that can be used in small quantities to repeat a reaction are superior to stoichiometric reagents (ones that are consumed in a reaction).



- 10. Design for degradation: Chemical products should be designed so that they should break down into non-harmful products after their function is over
- 11. Real-time analysis for pollution prevention: Analytical methodologies need to be further developed to permit real-time, in-process monitoring and control *before* hazardous substances form.
- 12. Inherently safer chemistry for accident prevention: Whenever possible, the substances in a process, and the forms of those substances, should be chosen to minimize risks such as explosions, fires, and accidental releases.



