

Safer Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting

Read and Follow the Label Directions

The most important source of information for using a cleaning, sanitizing or disinfecting product is the label on the product's container. Always follow label directions.



Check the label for:

- An **EPA Registration Number** to know if the product is a registered sanitizer or disinfectant
- **Dilution Instructions** to know if the product needs to be mixed with water and how much
- **Contact Time** to know how long the product needs to stay wet on the surface to kill germs
- A **Toxicity Signal Word** to know the product's toxicity level:
 - **Caution** — slightly toxic
 - **Warning** — moderately toxic
 - **Danger** — highly toxic
- **Personal Protective Equipment** (for example, gloves, eye protection) to know how to protect yourself from injury when using the product
- Sanitizer and disinfectant labels will say:
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Sanitizers and Disinfectants

Check the label for **storage, disposal,** and **first aid directions** to know how to prevent unintended exposure and perform first aid in an emergency.



These logos mean the product meets the organization's standards to protect people and the environment.