

# Chlorinated Products



Clean, disinfected surface areas are a key to a healthy home. Chlorinated cleaning products, used safely and effectively, provide a host of health benefits and are a trusted guard against seasonal flu outbreaks and episodes of foodborne illness. Daycare centers, hospitals, restaurants and public facilities of all kinds rely upon the disinfectant qualities of chlorine-based cleaners to keep the environment pathogen-free and safe for everyone.



The Chlorine Chemistry Council®, Water Quality and Health Council and The Soap and Detergent Association remind you that following a few simple guidelines will help ensure that you are handling and using your chlorinated household products safely.

### Just remember...

- Read and follow label directions at all times. Disinfectants and disinfectant cleaners are the only products that kill germs—but they only work if the label directions are followed. Products that claim to kill germs must meet efficacy requirements and guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and must be registered with EPA and carry an EPA registration number on their label.
- Never mix chlorine bleach or any product containing chlorine bleach with ammonia, ammonia-based products or acidic products. The combination can be dangerous... or even deadly.
- Keep chlorinated cleaning products away from food.
- Store cleaning products in areas that are not accessible to young children.
- Do not leave cleaning buckets containing even small amounts of liquid unattended. Empty and thoroughly rinse out buckets after each use.
- Store chlorinated products in their original containers and never remove product labels.
- Immediately dispose of empty household cleaning product containers. Reuse of containers can be a hazard, as label instructions and precautions are often product-specific.

**For more healthy home cleaning and safety tips, log on to one of the following resource Web sites:**

Chlorine Chemistry Council:

[www.c3.org](http://www.c3.org)

Water Quality and Health Council:

[www.waterandhealth.org](http://www.waterandhealth.org)

Soap and Detergent Association:

[www.cleaning101.com](http://www.cleaning101.com)

