

How to Use Disinfectants Safely

Regular cleaning helps remove soil and many germs, but surfaces may be contaminated even when not visibly dirty. Disinfectants go further to kill germs and can help protect against illness when used on frequently-touched surfaces.



Here's what to know for safe and effective use:

BEFORE Disinfecting

1

Choose an EPA-registered product.

Read the directions before use and follow them.

As directed, preclean dirty surfaces.



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USE it

- Never mix products.
- Only use on approved surfaces.
- Never ingest products or use directly on skin.
- Leave on for the entire contact time.
- Do not let children handle products.



AFTER Disinfecting

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Rinse food contact surfaces or toys (that kids may put in their mouths) with water after disinfecting.

Throw out disinfectant wipes after using. Never flush non-flushable products.

Look to the label for instructions on how to discard leftover product.



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STORE it

Always store up and out of reach of children.

Store disinfectants in their original containers with the labels intact.

Store at a safe temperature.

