DISINFECTANT USE GUIDANCE DURING COVID-19



DISINFECTANTS ARE PESTICIDES & SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS DIRECTED BY THE LABEL

Be safe disinfecting your home

- <u>Never</u> mix different disinfectant products together. For example, mixing bleach with acids (such as vinegar) or ammonia releases **life-threatening toxic fumes**.
- <u>Never</u> use disinfectants on your skin or inside your body. Instead, wash skin with soap and water; you can also use hand sanitizer on your hands.
- <u>Never</u> wash fruits and vegetables with soap, sanitizers, or disinfectants as this could also result in **poisoning**. Wash produce only in clean water.

Follow CDC guidelines

cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/disinfecting-your-home.pdf

Beware of fraudulent claims

- Use of unregistered disinfectants claiming to protect against the virus is illegal.
 The efficacy and safety of these products is unsubstantiated.
- Only use products designated by the EPA Check list frequently for changes. epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Visit <u>uvm.edu/extension/psep</u> for more information.

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