

# How to Read a Cleaning Product Label

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

### Directions

Always use products as instructed for safe use and best results. Directions will include:

- Which surfaces or fabrics to use the product on
- How much of the product to use
- How long the process takes

### Ingredients

The label usually lists the scientific names of ingredients, although some may also note the function or source of ingredients. More detailed information can be found on the manufacturer's website or through the SmartLabel QR code.

### Caution Warnings

Warnings will often be in bold, large print. Most products will say:

- Do not ingest.
- Do not mix with other cleaning products.
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin.

Some products may advise to use in a well-ventilated area. There will also be first aid instructions, just in case.

### Storage and Disposal Instructions

Products will have specifications on storage to ensure safety and to help products last. This may include:

- A temperature range that's safe for the product
- Places not to store the product

Always keep cleaning products out of reach of children.

Disposal instructions will say how to discard leftover product, such as pouring it down the drain with the water running. Look for the recycling symbol and instructions to determine what of the packaging is recyclable and how.

Note: Many products include an expiration date since some cleaning agents can become less effective over time.



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