

FAQ: PFAS

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances



The Basics

PFAS are a vast, complex group of synthetic chemicals used in consumer products since the 1950s.

Significance

PFAS is a "forever chemical" that does not break down easily in the environment and poses a potential exposure risk to humans and wildlife.

Regulation

Some states have regulations in place or proposed to restrict PFAS, and U.S. EPA is gathering data to set exposure limits.

PFAS molecules have a chain of linked carbon and fluorine atoms that provide stain, water, and grease-resistant properties, making them useful in various consumer products (e.g., non-stick cookware, rain jackets, dental floss, shampoo). These strong carbon-fluorine bonds, however, also contribute to environmental persistence.

In the cleaning industry, PFAS have historically been used in formulations for their ability to enhance dirt repellence, wetting and spreading, aerosolization, film forming, and more.

The cleaning products industry now faces the dual challenge of meeting performance expectations while minimizing ecological and potential health risks.

We take on the responsibility of providing products that meet strict regulations so you can focus on serving your customers.



Betco® Has Reformulated Affected Floor Care Products to Remove Intentionally Added PFAS

With Minnesota's ban on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in floor care products effective January 1, 2025, Betco has proactively reformulated our products to ensure our customers remain compliant and have access to safe solutions no matter where they operate.

Replacing PFAS is challenging in specialized applications, but through collaboration with global experts, we have successfully developed alternatives that deliver equal or better performance without using PFAS.

Why This Matters:

- PFAS Are a Growing Concern: While a common ingredient, PFAS do not break down in the environment, leading to environmental and health risks.
- Betco Is Focused on Sustainability: Environmental responsibility is a core value for our company, and we recognize the risks PFAS pose to health and the environment. That's why we are reformulating the impacted formulas to eliminate any intentionally added PFAS, aligning with our commitment to safer, sustainable solutions.

Next Steps:

- We are confident that our reformulated products deliver the same exceptional performance—if not better—without PFAS.
- No Intentionally Added PFAS Identification: Look for the “with no intentionally added PFAS” sticker on product packaging located on the outer cartons and pails to identify compliant products easily.
- Products converted to formulations with no intentionally added PFAS have updated product pages with a digital sticker.

Upcoming Regulations and Reporting Deadlines

Several states have enacted or are planning regulations that ban or require reporting for products containing PFAS.

State-Level Deadlines

Washington

- Floor waxes & polishes reporting due 1/1/2026
- Cleaning products ban effective 1/1/2027

Oregon

- Cleaning products regulated starting 1/1/2027

California

- Cosmetics ban effective 1/1/2025

Colorado

- Cleaning products ban effective 1/1/2026
- Floor maintenance cleaning products ban effective 1/1/2028

New Mexico

- Cleaning products regulated starting 1/1/2028

Minnesota

- Cleaning products ban already in effect
- Pesticide product ban effective 1/1/2026

Illinois

- Cleaning products ban effective 1/1/2026

Florida

- Cosmetic products ban effective 1/1/2026

Maryland

- Pesticide products regulated starting 1/1/2028

New York

- Cleaning products regulated starting 1/1/2027

Connecticut

- Cleaning & cosmetic products reporting due 7/1/2026
- Full ban effective 1/1/2028

Vermont

- Cosmetic products ban effective 1/1/2026

New Hampshire

- Cosmetic products ban effective 1/1/2027

Maine

- Cleaning & cosmetic products ban effective 1/1/2027
- Pesticide products ban effective 1/1/2030
- All products ban effective 1/1/2032

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