

Safe & Effective Use of Disinfectants

Make sure your cleaning product is approved by EPA. Find the EPA registration number on the product. Then, check to see if it is on EPA's list of approved disinfectants at www.epa.gov/listn.



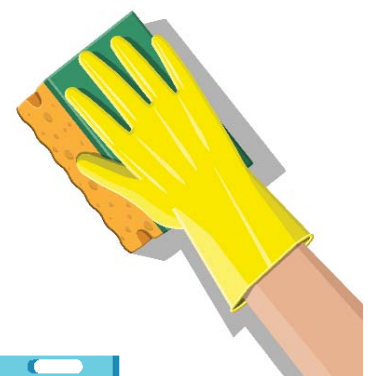
Always read and follow the directions on the bottle. Check “use sites” and “surface types” to see where you can use the product. Read the “precautionary statements.” **Always provide good ventilation.**

If the surface is visibly dirty, some disinfectants require you to pre-clean using soap and water. Cleaning with soap and water reduces germs, dirt and impurities on the surface. Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces.



Make sure to leave the surface wet with the disinfectant long enough to be effective. **Find the contact time in the directions.**

Wear gloves and wash your hands. Throw away disposable gloves after each use. If using reusable gloves, dedicate a pair for disinfecting the virus that causes COVID-19. Wash your hands with soap after removing the gloves.



Always keep lids tightly closed and store out of reach of children.



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