

How to Read a Disinfectant Label

Read the entire label.

The label is the law!

Note: Below is an **example** of information that can be found on a disinfectant label

Active Ingredients:

What are the main disinfecting chemicals?

EPA Registration Number:

U.S. laws require that all disinfectants be registered with EPA.

Directions for Use (Instructions for Use):

Where should the disinfectant be used?

What germs does the disinfectant kill?

What types of surfaces can the disinfectant be used on?

How do I properly use the disinfectant?

Contact Time:

How long does the surface have to stay wet with the disinfectant to kill germs?

Signal Words (Caution, Warning, Danger):

How risky is this disinfectant if it is swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin?

Precautionary Statements:

How do I use this disinfectant safely? Do I need PPE?

First Aid:

What should I do if I get the disinfectant in my eyes or mouth, on my skin, or if I breathe it in?

Storage & Disposal:

How should the disinfectant be stored? How should I dispose of expired disinfectant? What should I do with the container?

