

**Green Cleaning for your Home
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What's in that stuff?

Product	Label	What we can find out about ingredients
Armstrong Floor cleaner	Contains Surfactants Caution: eye irritant Keep out of reach of children	Surfactant is a complex substance containing phospholipids and a number of apoproteins. This essential fluid is produced by the Type II alveolar cells, and lines the alveoli and smallest bronchioles. Surfactant reduces surface tension throughout the lung, thereby contributing to its general compliance.
Comet	Surfactants No phosphates The with-bleach edition says may irritate skins, don't combine with other products, e.g. toilet cleaners.	1.2% sodium dichloro-s-triazinetriene dihydrate (a derivative of cyanuric acid) and 98.8% "other" ingredients Mixing with other cleansers, e.g. dish soap and especially ammonia, is dangerous. Chlorinol
Lysol disinfectant	O-phenylphenol 2.8%, Xylenols 1.5%, 0-benzyl-p-chlorinol 2.7%, Ethyl alcohol 1.8465	o-Phenylphenol is on the Right to Know Hazardous Substance List because it is cited by DEP, IARC, NFPA and EPA. Xylenol is a cresylic acid. Cresylic acids are highly corrosive and contact with exposed skin or mucous membranes causes severe burns.
Mr. Clean	May irritate eyes. Keep out of reach of children. Don't swallow. No phosphates. No bleach.	ethoxylate alcohol nonionic and anionic surfactants perfume
Javex	Don't mix with toilet bowl cleaner, rust remover, ammonia or acids. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep out of reach of children. Keep tightly capped in upright position.	Chlorine... It is sodium hypochlorite Many sources caution about toxic fumes from bleaches which give headaches, burning eyes and breathing difficulties .
Spic 'n' Span	Keep out of reach of children Caution for eye contact or prolonged contact with skin First aid instructions Avoid soaking on wallpaper, plastic, aluminium and paint surfaces	TSP(Trisodium Phosphate) is main ingredient.
Vim	Use special care when using on delicate painted enamel, aluminium, and other soft surfaces. Contains a gentle abrasive. Test first.	sodiumcarbonate, sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate and ethoxylated lauryl alcohol

Not all of our recommended ingredients are without dangers

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20 Mule Team Borax	May irritate eyes; Do not breathe dust; Keep out of reach of children; Poison if swallowed	Borax (Sodium tetraborate decahydrate) One ingredient, boron does not degrade, so use sparingly.
Arm & Hammer So clean! Washing soda	Harmful if swallowed. Eye irritant. Keep out of reach of children. No phosphate or bleach	Sodium carbonate

Others: (your notes)
