

# 6 Steps for Safe & Effective Disinfectant Use

## **Step 1:** Check that your product is EPA- Approved

Find the EPA registration number on the product. Then, check to see if it is on EPA's List of approved disinfectants at: [epa.gov/listn](https://www.epa.gov/listn)



## **Step 2:** Read the directions

Follow the product's directions. Check "use sites" and "surface types" to see where you can use the product. Read the "precautionary statements."



## **Step 3:** Pre-clean the surface

Make sure to wash the surface with soap and water if the directions mention pre-cleaning or if the surface is visibly dirty.



## **Step 4:** Follow the contact time

You can find the contact time in the directions. The surface should remain wet the whole time to ensure the product is effective.



## **Step 5:** Wear gloves and wash your hands

For disposable gloves, discard them after each cleaning. For reusable gloves, dedicate a pair to disinfecting COVID-19. Wash your hands after removing the gloves.



## **Step 6:** Lock it up

Keep lids tightly closed and store out of reach of children.

