



# 2022 PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY *SURVEY RESULTS*

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## Safer Products for Washington Program



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# HOW YOU RANKED OUR **PRIORITY** **PRODUCTS**

We asked you to choose which of the products we're researching concern you, if any. Here is how you ranked our priority products, with the most-selected at the top.



**Personal care and beauty products**



**Food and drink cans**



**Laundry detergent**



**Carpet and rugs**



**Paints**



**Stain- and water-resistant treatments**



**Furniture and furnishings**



**Vinyl flooring**



**Thermal paper**



**Recreational polyurethane foam**



**Electric and electronic enclosures**



**Printing inks**

## SURVEY SAYS...

*Our Safer Products for Washington program asked for community and public input through a survey that closed in January 2022.*



**392 people**  
*completed our survey.*

**Almost 2%**  
*of the responses were in Spanish.*



**95% are concerned**  
*about toxic chemicals in products.*

*Washingtonians who responded worry about*  
**many products.**



## WHAT ELSE *YOU SHARED*

You mentioned many other concerns and thoughts in your responses.

*Three themes stuck out...*



Remove all toxics from all products.



More education is needed.



Consumer products with toxics threaten the environment.

*You called for more:*



Outreach to consumers and businesses



Labeling and transparency in the market



Enforcement and testing



Information about safer alternatives

## *OTHER PRODUCTS YOU MENTIONED*

We asked for your suggestions for products we should consider in the next cycle of our Safer Products for Washington program. Here are the products you suggested, with the most-mentioned at the top.

**Food-related products**



**Cleaning and laundry products**



**Yard care and agricultural products**



**Plastics**



**Clothing and accessories**



**Home furnishings and décor**



**Children and baby products**



**Care and beauty products**



**Water- and stain-resistant products**



**Automobiles and tires**



# HOW WE'LL USE *YOUR INPUT*

We'll use the insights you shared in this survey in multiple ways.



**You gave us ideas for a new list of products to consider in the next Safer Products for Washington cycle.** For products we have authority to consider, we'll work to figure out:

- If they contain harmful chemicals.
- If safer alternatives can replace the toxic chemicals.
- Whether we need to regulate them in the future.

**Many respondents wanted more information about safer options.** We heard you! Your feedback helps us prioritize the educational resources we create.

As a first step, we launched a [webpage with tips](#)<sup>1</sup> to reduce your exposure to harmful chemicals and purchase safer products. Check it out and [email our team](#)<sup>2</sup> if you have thoughts to share!



**We don't think our current authority allows us to take some of the actions you mentioned.** We can't regulate certain products or create new labeling requirements. Instead, we'll:

- Share your feedback with the right people at Ecology and other government agencies.
- Gather educational resources on our [new webpage](#).<sup>1</sup>
- Encourage our industry partners to make voluntarily changes like increasing transparency in labeling.



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