

When disinfecting for the Coronavirus, do NOT mix chemical cleaners!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine cleaning of surfaces to limit the spread of COVID-19. People should clean frequently touched surfaces, such as tables, doorknobs and faucets.

While cleaning, follow the instructions on the label for each product. The mixing of chemical cleaning products can pose serious dangers by creating deadly gases or a fire. Do **NOT** mix the following cleaning products:

DO NOT MIX THESE CLEANING PRODUCTS

<p>BLEACH + VINEGAR</p> <p>Bleach and vinegar mixture produces chlorine gas, which can cause coughing, breathing problems, burning and watery eyes.</p>		<p>BLEACH + AMMONIA</p> <p>Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. It causes shortness of breath and chest pain.</p>	
<p>BLEACH + RUBBING ALCOHOL</p> <p>Bleach and rubbing alcohol makes chloroform, which is highly toxic.</p>		<p>HYDROGEN PEROXIDE + VINEGAR</p> <p>This combination makes peracetic/peroxyacetic acid, which can be highly corrosive</p>	

Additionally, follow these safety tips when storing or disposing of cleaning products.

Storage tips for cleaning products:

- Follow the instructions on the label.
- Store products in their original containers.
- Store anything that can catch on fire away from your home.
- Never store materials that can cause a fire in the sun or near an open flame or heat source.
- Store these materials out of the reach of children and pets.
- Use safety locks and guardrails on shelves and cabinets when you store materials. This will prevent them from falling or tipping.
- Wear gloves or goggles when you use these materials.

When you need to dispose of cleaning products:

- Follow the instructions on the label.
- Aerosol cans might contain chemicals that can burn. If you put them in the trash, they can explode or start a fire.
- If you have a spill, clean the area and put the containers in a well-ventilated place. If you cannot control the spill, or are unsure about cleanup and disposal, call your local fire department.

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