



SAFER CHOICE

Outdoor Use

EPA's Safer Choice program certifies cleaning and other products with safer ingredients for people and the planet. Products used outdoors like boat and grill cleaners may bypass sewage treatment and enter the environment directly. The Outdoor Use Safer Choice label helps people find Safer Choice-certified products that meet additional criteria to help protect the environment when the product is used outdoors.

Outdoor Use Certification



The outdoor use certification is a companion to the Safer Choice label. If a product qualifies for the Safer Choice label and meets additional environmental criteria, the program will allow the manufacturer to add a “certified for outdoor use” notation to the Safer Choice label. The outdoor use certification means that:

- 1) The product meets EPA's Safer Choice Standard, a set of strict safety criteria for both human health and the environment; and
- 2) The product has been verified to meet the Safer Choice [Supplemental Criteria for Chemicals in Direct Release Products](#).

The outdoor use label helps consumers and purchasers identify products that have been verified to use ingredients that are safer for aquatic life and break down quickly in the environment.

FAQs on Safer Choice Products Certified for Outdoor Use

What are outdoor use products?

EPA's Safer Choice program defines outdoor use products as those intended for use outdoors that are likely to bypass sewage treatment or septic systems, limiting the time for degradation prior to entering sensitive environments like wetlands. For these products, like car and boat cleaners, Safer Choice has additional criteria to address the potential effects from direct contact with aquatic life.

Can indoor products use the Outdoor Use Safer Choice label?

Yes, a manufacturer may request to use the outdoor use label on any certified product, including products typically used indoors such as all-purpose cleaners, if the product meets the Safer Choice [Supplemental Criteria for Chemicals in Direct Release Products](#).

How do I find Safer Choice-certified outdoor use products?

For a list of certified outdoor use products, visit the Safer Choice [Product Search Page](#) and click on the check box “Products with outdoor uses.”

How do certified products relate to state, local or tribal regulations?

The use of certified products, including outdoor use products, does not impact your obligations to comply with state, local or tribal regulations.

What if I have more questions?

For more information, visit epa.gov/saferchoice or email SaferChoice@epa.gov.

Example Categories

- Air conditioner coil cleaners
- All-purpose cleaners
- Appliance cleaners
- Brick and masonry cleaners
- Boat cleaners
- Car-care products
- Degreasers
- Fire defense products
- Floor cleaners
- Granite/stone cleaners
- HVAC maintenance
- Kitchen/countertop cleaners
- Marine/RV cleaners
- Metal cleaners/polishes
- Oven/grill/barbeque cleaners
- Pet care products
- Stainless steel cleaners
- Window/glass cleaners
- Wood cleaners