Use Phosphorus Free Detergents

Most household detergents contain high levels of phosphates (P). Phosphates are builders which decrease the hardness of water allowing the detergent to wash clothes, dishes and cars better. P also endangers our waterways. In unsewered areas, P from detergents eventually ends up in creeks, wetlands and rivers via groundwater. P from detergents used to wash cars on driveways can enter stormwater drains and then waterway systems. This feeds algal blooms in these waterways, kills some aquatic invertebrates and can be absorbed through the skin of frogs.

It's so easy to reduce phosphorus use at home and help ease the phosphorus load and threat to our waterways.

Buy products which do not contain P

Look for these words:

- ·zeolite
- ·alternative builders
- ·phosphorus or phosphate free

Avoid products containing P

Look for these words:

- ·STPP (sodium tri-polyphosphates)
- ·polyphosphates
- ·phosphate builders

Look for the following labels on clothes detergents:



Means there is NO PHOSPHORUS in the product



Means there is a small amount of phosphorus in the product

Remember, biodegradable does not mean P free!

P Free Detergents

The detergents below are all phosphorus (P) free. Please note, even though they are P free it does not mean that they are all environmentally friendly eg. bleaches. If you intend to use the greywater from your washing machine to water your garden then you will need to use a P free and low in salt detergent. To find out what detergents are suitable to use in greywater systems go to www.lanfaxlabs.com.au.

Please note that not all P free detergents are on this list. If you find a P free detergent (especially a dishwasher tablet or liquid) not listed please contact Amy on 9458 5664 so it can be added to the list.

Clothes Detergents & Soakers

- · Am-O-lin Sensitive Liquid*
- Amway SA8*
- Any bleaches
- Aware Env Concentrate Powder*
- Biozet Advanced Conc Powder*
- Biozet Colour Powder*
- · Biozet with Softner Powder
- Coles Smart Buy Laundry Powder (Concentrate contains P)
- Coles Smart Buy Napicare Plus
- Earth Choice Liquid*
- Earth Choice Wool and Delicates Liquid*
- EcoLogic Lavendar Laundry Liquid
- · EnviroClean Laundry Liquid
- EnviroClean Laundry Powder & Pre-soaker*
- Fiesta Laundry Soaker
- Greencare Liquid*
- Home Brand Laundry Powder*
- Home Brand Nappy Treatment Plus
- Hurricane Active Boosted Liquid*
- Love 'n Care Liquid*
- Lux Pure Soap Flakes
- Planet Ark Powder*
- Purity Sensitive Liquid*
- Select Woolworths Soaker and Stain Remover
- * Suitable for front loaders

Dishwashing Detergents

- Blast Ultra Plus
- Earth Choice Concentrate
- EnviroClean Dish Wash
- Palmolive Original and Dry Skin
- Spree
- Sunlight Naturals Concentrate
- Ultra Palmolive

Dishwasher Detergents

- Earth Choice Dishwasher Tablets
- EnviroClean Dishwasher Powder
- Natural Instinct Dishwashing Machine Powder
- Seventh Generation Dishwasher Powder

General Cleaning

- Ajax Bathroom Gel
- Ajax Cream Cleanser & Floor Cleaner
- Ajax Spray n' Wipe Multi Purpose (Spray n' Wipe Bathroom Spray contains P)
- Ammonium or bleach cleaners
- Citro Clean Multi Purpose
- Clorax Toilet Cleaner
- CLR Bath & Kitchen Cleaner
- Duck Toilet Cleaner
- Earth Choice Floor & Surface Cleaner
- Earth Choice Multi Purpose Spray
- Earth Choice Toilet Cleaner
- EnviroClean Disinfectant
- EnviroClean Vigor All Purpose Cleaner
- Handy Andy
- Orange Power Multi Purpose Cleaner
- Orange Power Shower, Bath and Tile Cleaner
- Pinoclean Anti-Bacterial Bath Basin & Tile
- Pinoclean Multi Purpose Cleaner
- Pinoclean Shower Spray
- Shower Power
- Vin a Clean Cleaning Vinegar.

Fibre Technology Cleaning Cloths

- Enjo
- Oates
- Sauber
- Sabco
- Home Collection



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