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### **Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products (TCCP)**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, the DEC will implement restrictions on the sale of children's products containing intentionally-added benzene, asbestos, or tris (1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate in New York State. The TCCP law will require the disclosure of certain chemicals of concern and high-priority chemicals if present in children's products. Children's products are defined as products marketed to children 12 and under, including items such as clothing; non-electronic toys; car seats; children's bedding and mattresses; school supplies; products intended by the manufacturer to help children with sleeping, teething, or eating; furniture; and apparel. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/126880.html>

### **Action Alert: Tell the NYS Department of Health to Strengthen Proposed Drinking Water Standards for PFAS Chemicals**

Communities across New York have drinking water sources contaminated with harmful PFAS chemicals. PFAS are referred to as “forever chemicals” because they are very persistent, meaning they build up in our bodies and don’t break down in the environment. Exposure to PFAS can lead to higher rates of kidney and testicular cancer, higher cholesterol levels, thyroid problems, adverse developmental effects and decreased immune response in children, and other adverse health impacts. New drinking water health advisories from the EPA indicate that New York State must do more to lower exposure and protect public health. Take action here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/4EYU-cLrE60TAQ6pn-mcQ2>  
<https://www.citizenscampaign.org/whats-new-at-cce/protect-drinking-water-from-dangerous-forever-chemicals>

### **Interactive Long Island Map: Is there PFAS in Your Water?**

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) has compiled data from every Long Island water district and created an interactive map of PFAS levels in drinking water.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=40.85038488083874%252C-72.84567110000002&mid=1RjZ2tybZV5hhTI4LTfmkbHDYrn20S48&z=8>

### **Green Tips: Eco-Friendly Heating Tips for Winter – from the NY League of Conservation Voters**

To lower your carbon footprint and reduce winter heating use, you can:

- lower the thermostat by 3 degrees
- use programmable thermostats
- use less hot water by taking shorter showers
- weatherproof windows and install insulation

<https://nylcvef.org/citizens-toolkit/heating-tips/>