

Protecting New Mexicans From PFAS in Products: What You Need to Know



What Are PFAS?

PFAS are human-made chemicals that make products resistant to heat, water, stains, and oil. These “forever chemicals” break down very slowly and can be ingested by people through contaminated air, water, and food; in fact, nearly every American—and New Mexican—has detectable levels in their bloodstream. PFAS are associated with negative human health effects such as thyroid disease, cancer, liver disease, birth defects, and increased risk of miscarriage.

What Is New Mexico Doing?

Following passage of the *PFAS Protection Act* in 2025, certain cookware, food packaging, dental floss, and children’s products cannot be sold in New Mexico if they are made with intentionally added PFAS, beginning in 2027. Additional types of product phase-outs will occur in 2028 and 2032.

New Mexico will also require manufacturers to label items made with intentionally added PFAS with a label on the product, its packaging, websites, or product manuals and other literature. The new label is a simple way for New Mexicans to make smart choices about products that may contain PFAS. Product categories that may carry a PFAS label include cleaning products, cosmetics, furniture, clothing, cars, and heating and cooling equipment.

How Can I Keep My Family Safe From PFAS?

New Mexicans can limit their exposure to forever chemicals and reduce health risks by looking for the PFAS label and selecting products made without these chemicals. You can choose stainless steel or ceramic cookware and buy from brands that have pledged to be PFAS-free. By avoiding products with the PFAS label, you can also help protect water and other natural resources for future generations. There will be a variety of options in product type, pricing, and features as manufacturers make progress developing safer alternatives and retailers help consumers find them.



Participate in upcoming rulemaking



Visit NMED's Calendar for more information on the upcoming PFAS Protection Act rulemaking:

www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/.

What's Next?

The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) is holding a public hearing February 23-27 and March 2-6, 2026. Members of the public are invited to provide comments each day from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. MST, virtually or in person.