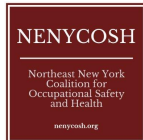




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Ted Decker  
Chair, President & CEO  
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Atlanta, GA 30339

**RE: Opportunity for The Home Depot to Phase Out PVC Plastic**

Dear Mr. Decker,

We, the undersigned community, environmental health and justice, and public health organizations, call on The Home Depot to commit to eliminating polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic from packaging and bring in safer alternatives to PVC building materials to store shelves. PVC is made from vinyl chloride monomer, a dangerous, cancer-causing petrochemical with well-documented toxic hazards at every stage of its lifecycle.

We appreciate and recognize the progress The Home Depot has already made in phasing PVC out of its private-label packaging. Last year, the company shared that it *“eliminated...more than 39 million square feet of PVC film—enough to cover more than 513 soccer fields—from its private-brand packaging.”*

But new research from Toxic-Free Future found that The Home Depot shelves in three stores in the Seattle area were still rife with PVC packaging, including for premium brands such as Milwaukee Tools, Makita, and Ryobi.

**We urge you to build on your leadership and work with suppliers to phase PVC out of brand-name packaging, as well as stock safer alternatives to PVC building materials in all of your stores.**

Recently, more than 25,000 people from every state in the U.S. called on The Home Depot to eliminate PVC plastic in packaging and building materials, highlighting the growing reputational risks of selling products made from or packaged in PVC. This year, a shareholder resolution was filed at The Home Depot to address harmful pollution problems involving plastics such as PVC.

Vinyl chloride is classified as a known human carcinogen linked to liver cancer, brain cancer, and other serious illnesses. Its production, distribution, use, and disposal release hazardous pollutants into the air, water, and soil. Communities living near vinyl chloride and PVC manufacturing facilities — disproportionately low-income communities and communities of color — have borne the brunt of these harms for decades. Workers and residents have reported elevated rates of cancer, respiratory disease, and other health problems associated with chronic exposure.

From Louisiana’s “Cancer Alley” to the Ohio River’s “Cancer Valley” and beyond, frontline communities face daily risks of exposure to vinyl chloride emissions, planned and unplanned

releases, and the cumulative toxic burden from petrochemical operations. In February 2023, the East Palestine, Ohio train derailment and vinyl chloride chemical disaster underscored the catastrophic consequences that can result from transporting and burning vinyl chloride. Such incidents are not isolated — they are persistent, predictable and an inevitable byproduct of PVC's supply chain.

The environmental toll is also severe. PVC production and disposal release dioxins, among the most potent and persistent toxic chemicals known to humankind. Once PVC packaging enters the waste stream, it is very rarely recycled and can contaminate and ruin other recyclable plastics. It is typically landfilled or incinerated, where it contaminates the environment as microplastics, further perpetuating harm.

The Home Depot has taken important steps in the past to address chemical hazards, including phasing out phthalates in flooring and methylene chloride in paint removal products. Now, we urge you to continue your leadership by phasing out PVC packaging entirely, replacing it with safer, sustainable alternatives, and bringing healthier PVC-free building materials to store shelves. Doing so would protect the health of customers, workers, and communities, reduce your company's chemical and plastic footprint, mitigate business risks, and align with growing consumer demand for safer, plastic-free packaging and products.

We call on The Home Depot to publicly commit to:

1. Eliminate PVC packaging from both private-label and brand-name packaging within one year
2. Adopt a forward-looking commitment to phase PVC out of building materials. In the interim, increase and promote the availability of safer alternatives to PVC building materials in your stores.
3. Prioritize safer, plastic-free materials to reduce toxic pollution, and ensure they are reusable, recyclable, or compostable. When plastics can't be avoided, avoid other high-hazard plastics such as PVDC, polystyrene, and polycarbonate plastics.
4. Disclose progress annually, including supplier compliance.

By taking these steps, The Home Depot can help protect human health, advance environmental justice, set an industry-leading example for responsible retail practices, enhance its sustainability reputation, and be a leader amongst its competitors.

We would like to meet with you to discuss our concerns and recommendations. To schedule a meeting, please contact Dana Floberg, [dfloberg@toxicfreefuture.org](mailto:dfloberg@toxicfreefuture.org).

We look forward to your response by June 8, 2026, and to working with you toward a PVC-free future.

Sincerely,

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