



VICTORIES 2025

WASHINGTON STATE

Safer cosmetics for all:

Washington became the **first state in the nation** to ban all formaldehyde-releasing chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products—ensuring these products are free from a known carcinogen.



Stronger protections, healthier products:

After years of work by Toxic-Free Future and partners, the first Safer Products for Washington restrictions are now in effect. Each year, this amounts to up to **4.4 million pounds of PFAS** kept out of carpet, and as of January 2026, **3,300 tons of thermal paper** free of bisphenols, plus bans on phthalates in vinyl flooring and organohalogen flame retardants in indoor electronics.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Science sparks real-world change:

Our 2024 study showed the presence of toxic flame retardants in black plastic household items. This year, a report by Bloomberg naming our study showed **sales of stainless steel kitchen utensils** were up 13%.



Groundbreaking science protecting kids' health:

Our first-of-its-kind research revealed that children in childcare facilities can be exposed to toxic disinfectant chemicals—linked to asthma and other serious health problems—underscoring the urgent need for safer cleaning and disinfectant products.

FEDERAL POLICY

Safeguarding communities from a cancer-causing chemical:

We helped block Congressional attempts to overturn EPA's ban on trichloroethylene (TCE), a toxic chemical linked to cancer and other serious health harms. The ban will end the production of nearly **250 million pounds** of the chemical per year and keep life-saving protections in place for workers, families, and communities nationwide.



Protecting families' power to choose safer products:

We successfully defended EPA's *Safer Choice* label—ensuring it remains a trusted public program, not privatized—so families can easily find products that are safer for their health and the planet.



MARKET IMPACT

Turning up the pressure on toxic plastics:

We delivered petitions from **more than 25,000 consumers** leading up to Home Depot's annual shareholder meeting, urging the company to eliminate toxic plastics from its products.



Phasing out PFAS and PVC:

Target phased PFAS out of its private-brand cookware and dental floss and eliminated PVC plastic from all Target GiftCards.



TOXIC-FREE FUTURE IS ON A ROLL!

Making news and shaping the conversation:

In the last year, Toxic-Free Future and its work was mentioned or linked in more than **2,100 media stories** with a potential reach of more than **20 billion**.



Mobilizing thousands for change:

We mobilized thousands of people to take action and sign petitions calling on policymakers and retailers to protect us from toxic chemicals.



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