

28 Surprising Places Triclosan Hides

Does your toothpaste, [deodorant](#) or cutting board contain triclosan?

Triclosan is an antimicrobial [recently banned](#) by Minnesota and under scrutiny by the [FDA](#) for altering hormone regulation and fostering the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. It's found in about 75 percent of liquid antibacterial soaps and 30 percent of soap bars.

But it's hard to know if the chemical lurks in the hygiene, beauty and food prep products you use every day. Some manufacturers either bury the chemical in fine print on labels, or don't list it at all, hiding triclosan in with other "anti-microbial" compounds including:

- Microban
- Cloxifenolium
- Lexol-300
- Additive B
- Irgasan (DP 300 or PG 60)
- Ster-Zac.

[Colgate Total](#) toothpaste has drawn fire for containing triclosan. But many other popular items contain the chemical. Some manufacturers are reformulating products to remove triclosan, but it's hard to know which are now triclosan-free.

Here are products that could contain the chemical, according to [Beyond Pesticides](#). Make sure you check labels before buying.

- [Yoga](#) mats
- Liquid and bar soap
- Toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes
- Lip gloss, foundation, mascara, moisturizers
- Cutting boards
- Ice cream scoops
- Deodorants
- Antiseptics, sunburn aids, medicated sprays
- Acne medications
- Socks and underwear
- Pencils, binders and scissors with Microban protection
- Humidifiers

- Ear plugs
- Sports helmets
- Wallpaper
- Paint
- Paper towels