

## **If you haven't yet said 'no' to pesticides in soap...**

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Back in January, we let you know about an [opportunity to add your voice](#) to the growing public and scientific momentum to ban triclosan – a toxic, persistent chemical [found in 75% of Americans](#) – from everyday products. The EPA has extended the deadline to receive public comment on its upcoming decision until April 8.

Triclosan is a broad-spectrum antimicrobial ingredient in soap, body products, clothing, and plastic toys. The potential problem with using an antibiotic everywhere is that it becomes less effective when we really need it: to combat serious infections such as E. coli and Salmonella. [Research has shown](#) that triclosan may indeed be reducing the effectiveness of treatment against these and other dangerous bacteria.

We also know that it adversely affects our [immune system](#), [thyroid function](#), and [sperm production](#). It also [breaks down](#) into chemicals that can compromise [fetal development](#).

The real kicker is that it's [no more effective at preventing disease](#) than regular soap and water.

**Take Action»** If you haven't joined PAN, Beyond Pesticides, and more than 80 other public health and environmental organizations calling for a reversal of triclosan's omnipresence and associated health threats, now is the time to [add your voice](#).

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