

PFAS Action: Governments, Retailers, and Brands are Stepping Up

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State as well as federal, tribal, and local governments, retailers and brands are taking action to address the PFAS crisis. PFAS contamination is widespread and will cost taxpayers billions to clean up. More action must be taken now to prevent harm and end the use of these toxic “forever” chemicals that impact our health. The state of Maine adopted a policy in 2021 to **ban all uses** of PFAS unless the use is necessary for public health. Highlights of growing momentum in food packaging, water, firefighting foam, textiles, and litigation include:



Food Packaging

Federal agencies are taking action to eliminate PFAS in food packaging, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Defense is phasing out PFAS in all military Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) food packaging 		
States are taking action to eliminate PFAS in food packaging, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Connecticut Maine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota New York Vermont 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington
Restaurant chains are taking action to eliminate PFAS from some or all of the food packaging used in their outlets, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cava Chipotle Freshii 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McDonald’s Panera Bread Sweetgreen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taco Bell Wendy’s
Grocery stores are taking action to eliminate PFAS from some or all of the food packaging used in the products sold in their stores, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahold Delhaize (Food Lion, Giant, Hannaford, Stop & Shop, Peapod) Albertsons (Safeway, Vons, Shaw’s, Randalls, Haggen, Carrs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amazon Trader Joe’s Whole Foods Market 	



Water

Federal agencies are taking action on PFAS to address water contamination, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPA set an advisory level for two PFAS chemicals in drinking water EPA named PFAS chemicals to the Toxics Release Inventory 		
States are regulating PFAS chemicals in drinking water, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska* California* Colorado* Connecticut* Delaware* Illinois* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maine Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota* New Hampshire New Jersey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Mexico* New York North Carolina* Ohio* Vermont
*indicates notification or guidance levels			
State are taking action to expand PFAS monitoring, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Colorado Illinois Massachusetts Michigan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota New Hampshire New Jersey New York North Carolina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Pennsylvania Vermont Washington



Firefighting Foam

Federal agencies are taking action on PFAS based firefighting foam, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Defense is phasing out the use of PFAS based foam
States are taking action through legislation and regulation to ban the use of PFAS based firefighting foam, and/or creating take back programs for already purchased foam, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Colorado Connecticut Illinois Maine New Hampshire New York Vermont Washington
States are banning incineration of firefighting foam, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New York



Textiles

States are taking action to eliminate PFAS in carpets, rugs, and other textiles, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Maine Vermont Washington
States are requiring disclosure of PFAS in firefighter personal clothing and equipment, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Colorado New York Vermont Washington
Major retailers are taking action to restrict PFAS in apparel, carpets, rugs, textile products and/or furniture, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Depot IKEA Lowe's Office Depot Polartec Staples Target VF Corporation (The North Face, Timberland)



Litigation

State attorney generals are suing PFAS manufacturers, firefighting foam producers, polluting companies and the Department of Defense over contamination, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska Delaware* Maine Michigan Minnesota* New Jersey New Hampshire New Mexico New York North Carolina Ohio Vermont Wisconsin
	*indicates settled lawsuit



Cosmetics

States are taking action to eliminate certain PFAS chemicals in cosmetics, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Maryland
Major retailers are taking action to restrict PFAS in cosmetics, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target