

## DETERGENT INFORMATION



This list was compiled based on feedback from our customers and suppliers. We are not detergent experts, and this list is by no means definitive; it is intended as a resource. Since ingredient lists for detergents are not always readily available, we erred on the side of caution and have not recommended detergents with unknown ingredients.

Many factors can affect the way a detergent works for you: differences in water quality, washing machines, and the ratio of water to detergent. Some detergents with additives can cause problems for one family, but pose no issues for the next. Because of this, your safest bet is to stick with a detergent that is zero-residue. That said, keep in mind that most detergents when used in **moderation** will not cause a residue problem.

Whichever detergent you choose, make sure to use a reasonable quantity. If using a zero-residue detergent, stick to the lower end of the amount recommended on the package. Make sure your diapers are being rinsed well in plenty of water. Consult our washing guide for more information.

PRODUCT		USEFUL INFO and/or WHY NOT RECOMMENDED
2x Ultra Sunlight	NO	Brighteners*
365 Everyday Value Organic Laundry Detergent	MAYBE	Contains soap nuts, which are known to leave residues with some water types
7 <sup>th</sup> Generation liquid, Baby	MAYBE	
7 <sup>th</sup> Generation powder	MAYBE	
7 <sup>th</sup> Generation Free & Clear	MAYBE	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Generation Delicate Care</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Ace Powder	NO	
AJAX All-Purpose powder	NO	Brighteners*
All Free and Clear	NO	Anti-allergens/brighteners*
All Baby	NO	Brighteners*
All w/stain lifters	NO	Full of extra ingredients*
<b>Allen's Naturally liquid</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>Allen's Naturally powder</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Arm & Hammer liquid laundry detergent essentials	MAYBE	There are natural oils. Should be fine if used in moderation.
Arm & Hammer Fabric Care	NO	Full of extra ingredients.*
Arm & Hammer Sensitive Skin Perfume Free and Dye Free	NO	Brighteners*
<b>Atsko Sensi-Clean</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Confirmed zero residue by the manufacturer</b>
<b>Atsko Sport-Wash</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Confirmed zero residue by the manufacturer</b>
Attitude Fragrance Free	MAYBE	Complete ingredient list unavailable
BabyGanics	MAYBE	Contains additives, including enzymes and fragrance.
Bi-O-Kleen All Temperature liquid/powder	MAYBE	Reports of repellency issues with pocket diapers - perhaps caused by natural extracts or degreasers.
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Bi-O-Kleen Premium Plus All Temperature Powder	NO	
Bio-Vert Laundry Detergent	MAYBE	
Bio-Vert HE Laundry Detergent	MAYBE	
<b>Bio-Vert Natural Unscented Laundry Detergent</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>Bio-Vert Powder Stain Remover</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Low additive oxygen bleach</b>
<b>Bo Bébé Ultra Baby</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Cheer/Cheer Free	NO	Brighteners*
<b>Charlie's Soap</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The liquid leaves zero residue and is cost effective. The powder has not been tested.</b>

<b>Claudia's Choices</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Zero residue</b>
Clorox Greenworks	NO	
Country Save Liquid	MAYBE	Has not been tested for use with diapers
<b>Country Save Powder</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Certified residue-free by manufacturer</b>
Dapple Fragrance-Free Baby Laundry Detergent	MAYBE	
<b>Down East Liquid Laundry Detergent</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Dreft	NO	Brighteners*, scent, dye
Earth Friendly Products Baby Hypoallergenic	NO	Soy Softener
Earth Matters Laundry Detergent 3x High Efficiency	MAYBE	
Ecos Free & Clear	MAYBE	Some reports of residues in hard water conditions
Ecos w/ soy softener	NO	Fabric softener
Ecover	NO	Some reports of residues
Enviorite	NO	Complete ingredient list unavailable
Era	NO	Brighteners *, scent, dye
Fab	NO	Complete ingredient list unavailable
<b>Forever New Fabric Care Variance</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Fresh Start	NO	Complete ingredient list unavailable
Gain w/bleach	NO	
<b>GroVia Tiny Bubbles</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Honest Co. Detergent	<b>YES</b>	
Ivory Snow liquid/powder	NO	
Jewel Ultra Original	NO	
KIND Laundry Detergent	MAYBE	May contain fabric softeners
Kirklands Signature	NO	Brighteners
Laundry Tarts	MAYBE	
Legacy of Clean: Delicate Fine	NO	Soaps and brighteners
Lemieux	NO	Oily softener could leave residue
Lulu's Glamour Wash	MAYBE	
Method	NO	Brighteners*
Mountain Green Ultra, Skin Sensitive, Baby	MAYBE	Recommended by many users but does contain natural oils
<b>Mountain Green Baby Free &amp; Clear</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Mrs. Meyer's	NO	
<b>Nature Clean Regular</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Powder and liquid are OK</b>
<b>Nature Clean 3x Concentrate</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>Nellie's All Natural Laundry Soda</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>Nellie's All Natural Oxygen Brightener</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Norwex Ultra Power Plus Laundry Detergent	MAYBE	
Omaiki	MAYBE	Complete ingredient list unavailable
<b>Oxyboost</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Oxygenated bleach with no other additives</b>
Oxi-clean	NO	Complete ingredient list unavailable
Oxi-Prime powder	MAYBE	Has oxygenated bleach in formula
<b>La Parisienne – Delicate Care ; Dye &amp; Perfume Free</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Planet Delicate Laundry Wash, Hypo-allergenic	MAYBE	
<b>Planet Ultra Laundry Detergent (liquid)</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>Planet Ultra Powdered Laundry Detergent</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Presidents Choice 2x Ultra	NO	Brighteners*, scent, dye
Presidents Choice Green Coldwater	NO	Complete ingredient list unavailable
Purex, Purex Free & Clear, Purex Baby	NO	Brighteners*

<b>Rockin' Green Cloth Diaper Detergent</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Ruby Moon Cloth Diaper Detergent	MAYBE	
SA8	NO	Brighteners*
SA8 Bioquest Concentrated	NO	Soaps and brighteners*
Savon de Marseilles	NO	Soaps can leave a residue that causes leaks
Sears Ultra Concentrated, powder	NO	
<b>Selestial Soap Soft Bottoms</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Shaklee liquid	NO	
Simply Clean	NO	Brighteners*
Soap Nuts	NO	Not enough information available; is known to leave residues with some water types
Souris Verte	MAYBE	Complete ingredient list unavailable
Sun, Sun Free	NO	Brighteners*
Sunday's Wash Diaper/Nursery Wash	MAYBE	
Sunlight Sensitive	NO	Brighteners*
Target Baby, powder	NO	
Tide	NO	Brighteners*, scent, dye
Tide Free (Tide Nature)	MAYBE	Brighteners*
Trader Joe's Cleanliness Next to Godliness	NO	Brighteners*, soy
<b>Watkins Laundry Detergent (powder)</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Watkins Laundry Detergent (liquid)	NO	Soy based fabric softeners
Wisk, Wisk Free Clear	NO	Brighteners*
<b>Wonder Wash</b>	<b>YES</b>	
Woolite	MAYBE	Complete ingredient list unavailable
XTRA	NO	Brighteners*
Zum Clean	NO	

\* Bummi recommends, when possible, avoiding detergents with optical brighteners.

Optical brighteners are added to many detergents. Words like "brighter," "whiter," or "cleaner" on packaging are signs that a detergent might include them. Optical Brighteners (also called optical bleaches or fluorescent whitening agents) are fluorescent chemicals that absorb ultraviolet light and emit back visible blue light. This gives the impression that clothes are brighter and cleaner – but they are not truly cleaner. These chemicals serve no cleaning function in the detergent formulation and their only purpose is to adhere to fabric fibres. We do know that this chemical is specifically designed to be left behind on fabric even after rinsing. While there is no scientific research on the effect of brighteners on cloth diapers, it is reasonable to assume that they can build up on fabric and can potentially cause problems down the road.

We do know that optical brighteners have also been identified as being toxic to fish and other aquatic life – and some are even capable of causing mutations in bacteria. In addition, they are very slow to biodegrade. So far, science does not know the full impact of their presence in our environment, and how they affect animal health.