



# Tips

## Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are human-made chemicals widely used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s. PFAS are found in items like food packaging, nonstick cookware, firefighting foams, water- and stain-resistant textiles, and personal care products such as shampoos, dental floss, and makeup.

- **PFAS Hazards:** PFAS tend to degrade slowly, so they can build up in humans and animals and end up in our drinking water and food supply. PFAS are associated with a range of negative health impacts on humans and animals, including some types of cancer, high cholesterol, changes in liver function and reduced vaccine effectiveness.
- **Colorado Registration Program:** Anyone using or storing Class B firefighting foam containing PFAS must register through the Certificate of Registration Program. [Class B firefighting foam containing PFAS registration](#)
- **Colorado Takeback Program:** The Takeback Program pays eligible Colorado fire departments and commercial service airports to take unspent firefighting foam containing PFAS out of service and store it until the state can safely dispose of it. [PSA Takeback Program Form](#)
- **Colorado Grant Program:** The Colorado PFAS grant program provides funding for PFAS sampling in groundwater, wastewater, surface water, drinking water, and water treatment infrastructure, and emergency assistance for communities and water systems affected by these chemicals.

