

Toxic Chemicals in Consumer Products: Clean Water Action Retailer Report (Including Walmart)



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The organization Clean Water Action announced the release of its second annual "report card" on toxic chemicals in consumer products titled:

Who's Minding the Store? – A Report Card on Retailer Actions to Eliminate Toxic Chemicals ("Report")

The other *Report* sponsors included:

- Mind the Store campaign
- Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut

The *Report* focused on retailers. A number of the companies surveyed have Arkansas locations.

Arkansas based Walmart received an A- in the Report. This was an increase from a B+ the previous year.

The *Report* grades retailers on:

- Policy
- Oversight
- Accountability
- Disclosure
- Action
- Safer Alternatives
- Transparency
- Chemical Footprint
- Third-party Standards
- Joint Announcement
- Continuous Improvement
- Safer Products
- Collaboration
- Impact Investment

The Report indicates that 11 retailers evaluated in both 2016 and 2017 demonstrated substantial improvement in the past year. However, it characterizes two-thirds of the companies surveyed as deficient. Other companies with Arkansas locations and their grades included:

Apple A

Whole Foods Market B+

Target B+
Best Buy B
Home Depot C+
Staples D
Sephora D
Dollar Tree D
Kroger D-
Walgreens D-
Lowe's D-
Ulta Beauty D-
Babies "R" Us F
Sally Beauty F
Office Depot F
Kohl's F
Dollar General F
TJX Companies F
Ace Hardware F

[A link to the Report can be found here.](#)